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THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church began on Thursday, October 27th, at 10 A. M., with the President, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, in the chair.

The pulpit and platform of the Church were decorated with foliage and blooming plants; a large United States flag was gracefully draped over the organ; and from the arch over the pulpit were suspended in white lettering the initials W. H. M. S., above the word WELCOME.

The opening services were conducted by Mrs. V. A. Cooper, of Boston. After the hymn, "Jesus, we look to thee," was sung, Mrs. Cooper read the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, also a selection from the ninth chapter of Matthew, and led in earnest prayer for the divine blessing to rest upon the meeting. "Hark, the voice of Jesus calling" was read by Miss Newhall of Lynn, Mass., and sung by the large audience assembled.

Mrs. F. A. Aiken, the Recording Secretary, called the list of the Conferences, and the delegates took the seats assigned them.

Mrs. Aiken nominated as Assistant Secretaries, Miss Martha Van Marter of New York City, Mrs. W. A. Ingham of Cleveland, O., and Mrs. H. E. Doud of Norwalk, O., who were duly elected.

Rev. W. H. Annable, Presiding Elder of Syracuse District, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the Methodist Clergy of the city, extending fraternal greetings to "the Miriams, the Hannahs, the Marys and the Deborahs of our beloved Methodism."

Mrs. J. V. Benham, of Syracuse, cordially and gracefully welcomed the meeting in behalf of the ladies of Syracuse.

The response to these addresses of Welcome was made by Mrs. N. C. Alger, of New Hampshire, whose well chosen words, sparkling with wit and humor, not only pleased the ear but moved the hearts of all present as she clearly outlined the God-given work entrusted to woman's hands.

The President, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, presented her annual report, as follows:

The reports of the several officers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of our Church, which will be read before the Society during the sessions of this Annual Meeting, will sufficiently spread before you the work of the past year. It remains therefore for me to thank, as I now do, our friends in this beautiful city for the very cordial welcome they have extended to us, and to state without dwelling upon them a few of the reasons on which the friends of Home Missions rest their claim for increased encouragement and substantial aid, especially from the devoted members of the Church of our choice. Before doing this, I beg leave to repeat from the remarks made by me last year at Detroit a single paragraph: We would reflect on no other benevolent enterprise. We would discourage no other beneficent work adopted or endorsed by the Church. But our conviction is that the best hope for humanity is in America. Within our borders and within our reach are gathered representatives of all the races of mankind. If by reason of our neglect of home work the stream of unchristian tendencies from abroad and the flood of indifference and vice in our own country shall overwhelm our cherished institutions, all missionary work, at home and abroad, will suffer alike by the common calamity.

The friends of Home Missions rely on familiar facts. Not less than five millions of people are now added to the population of our country in each ten years by emigration from foreign lands. Among them are no doubt persons of education, of morality and of religion, who in spite of want of familiarity with our language and institutions will in good time become valuable citizens without special effort in their behalf. As to a multitude of others, it may be truly said that the missionary to pagan lands will find nothing more hostile to Christian civilization than the evil influences which immigration brings into the very bosom of our American society. Home Missions seek to protect our own land from imported heathenism. Again the condition of the emancipated race in our Southern States still engages the attention of the patriot and the philanthropist. It is represented by well informed and conscientious observers that the colored people increase more rapidly than the whites in proportion to their number, and that the proportion of the ignorant and unchristian does not diminish. The facts do not permit us to indulge the hope that the Christians of America have done and are doing their whole duty with respect to the Africans within our own borders and at our own doors.

Never before was the progress of settlement in our new States and Territories so rapid as it is now. The Michigan Conference Home Missionary Society recently published an appeal which should not be passed by unheeded. Its statements as to the situation in the new counties of that prosperous and enlightened State are equally true of other vast regions in our country. The report says an extensive area is largely missionary ground. It is rapidly filling up with a population mainly of Protestant proclivities and generally very poor. They are unable to support ministers, but they need the gospel and wish to have it

preached among them. Many of them look to our Church as their religious home. It is unjust that missionaries should be sent into these difficult fields and allowed oftentimes to suffer for the necessaries of life. The Methodist Church has been called the Pioneer Church. No true Methodist will neglect the pioneer mission work of the Church. I might continue this catalogue. The Indians still claim our attention. The cloud of Mormonism which hangs over Utah is spreading to other Territories. But I have said enough to indicate at least the number and magnitude of the demands on our Church for missions in our own country. The claims of missionary work whose aim is the improvement of American homes are attractive and urgent. Homes such as they should be, neat, orderly, and where punctuality and good methods prevail—in short, comfortable Christian homes—tend strongly to train the young to abhor those vices which chiefly afflict civilized society and to practice those virtues which are the best security of wise institutions. Such homes are the fruit of woman's work, and the instruction that gives the household skill which creates them can be imparted only by female teachers, workers and missionaries.

In conclusion, may we not sum up the whole matter in these few words? America is "the cradle of the future" for all the world. The future of America is in her homes, and her homes depend on the mothers of America. Hence the value and importance of missionary societies whose work is done by women in the homes of our own beloved country.

Owing to the temporary absence of Mrs. John Davis, Chairman of the General Executive Board, her report was postponed.

On motion, the Committee on Enrollment was constituted as follows: Mrs. C. E. Cherry and Mrs. Wm. Nottingham.

The Committee on Finance and Mission Fields was constituted in accordance with the provisions of the by-law relating thereto, as follows: The President, the Chairman of the General Executive Board, the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of Bureaus, together with the Conference Secretaries present, and on motion, Mrs. J. H. Mansfield, Mrs. C. E. Mogg, Miss C. F. Hedges, Mrs. C. B. Fisk and Mrs. J. W. Boughton.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers was formed, according to the by-law which provides that this Committee shall consist of one member from each Conference delegation, together with five members of the General Executive Board, as follows: From the General Executive Board, Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Mrs. W. G. Williams, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Mrs. J. F. Willing and Mrs. H. C. M'Cabe; from the Conference delegations, Mrs. E. E. Marcy, Mrs. O. J. Squires, Miss M. Van Marter, Mrs. E. J. L. Baker, Mrs. E. E. Chambers, Mrs. F. Gearhart, Mrs. W. R. Santley, Mrs. M. T. Lodge, Mrs. Jas. Mather, Mrs. F. V. Chapman, Mrs. J. W. Crowl, Mrs. W. J. Aldrich, Mrs. M. B. Spencer, Mrs. L. H. Carhart, Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Mrs. N. C. Alger, Miss M. Newhall, Mrs. T. B. Shepherd, Mrs. T. P. Frost, Mrs. M. T. Carey, Mrs. J. Hartwell and Mrs. J. Bentley.

The Committee on Resolutions was appointed as follows: Mrs. J. F. Willing, Mrs. M. B. Hagans, Mrs. J. D. FitzGerald, Mrs. N. C. Alger and Mrs. E. J. L. Baker.

The Committee on Place of Meeting was constituted as follows: Mrs. J. H.

Mansfield, Mrs. C. L. Roach, Mrs. J. W. Crowl, Mrs. E. L. Weldin and Mrs. S. A. Crist.

It was decided to have a committee on sale of daily papers, consisting of Mrs. Nottingham, Mrs. Bristol and Mrs. Gilbert.

Mrs. Willing moved that the meeting adopt the order of exercises as printed on program. Carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned. The Doxology was sung, and Rev. Mr. Green, of Centenary Church, pronounced the Benediction.

Thursday Afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. R. B. Hayes. "Jesus, Lover of my soul," was sung, and Mrs. C. V. Culver, of Reno, Pa., read the parable of the mustard seed, and offered an earnest prayer. The audience then joined in singing "God bless our native land."

The minutes of the morning session, read by Miss Van Marter, were adopted.

Mrs. W. G. Williams moved that a committee be appointed to solicit subscribers for Woman's Home Missions. The motion prevailed, and Mrs. W. A. Ingham, Mrs. M. T. Carey and Mrs. L. R. Thayer were appointed.

Mrs. J. V. Benham, of Syracuse, presented the following ministers, Rev. Messrs. Redhead, Brown, Bush, Shove, Green and Little, to the President, Mrs. Hayes, who introduced them to the meeting.

Mrs. R. S. Rust, the Corresponding Secretary, read her sixth annual report, an able and exhaustive paper, showing the progress of missionary effort in the widely opening fields of our own country, and it was adopted.

The report of Mrs. A. R. Clark, the Treasurer, was deferred for a time to hear singing by a band of Christian Indians from the Onondaga Reservation, located about ten miles from Syracuse, N. Y. They sang, in the most inspiring manner, "O, could I speak the matchless worth," and "Come, ye disconsolate," one of the Indian girls playing the accompaniment on the organ. Mrs. F. T. Gaddis, our missionary from the Indian Territory, sang, with rare sweetness, "Come to Jesus," in the Pawnee language.

Mrs. Clark then presented a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements of funds, which showed that over $48,000 in money and more than $32,000 in supplies had been contributed during the year. On motion, the report was unanimously adopted with hearts full of thanksgiving.

Rev. Dr. Packard, pastor of Plymouth Church, and Rev. Mr. Thurber, of Park Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, were introduced to the meeting.

Announcements were made by the Chairmen of the various Standing Committees, and the meeting adjourned, with the Benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Thurber.

Thursday Evening.

The Board of Managers held an informal meeting in the church parlor with a view to facilitate the work of the Committees. Mrs. W. G. Williams was called to the chair. After singing "I need thee every hour," Mrs. Daggett, of Boston, offered prayer. Among the topics discussed were Conference work, pledges, appropriations, general and special funds, division of work and burdens, the relative advantages of a general Treasury, and of local treasuries. The discussions were participated in by Mesdames Clark, Rust, Culver, Marcy, Shepherd, Spencer, M'Cabe, Mather, Bickley, Willing, Green, Goff, Roach, Bentley, and others.

Friday Morning.

The meeting opened at 9 o'clock, with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. W. J. Aldrich, of Muskegon, Mich. At the conclusion of this precious season of song and prayer, Mrs. John Davis, the beloved First Vice-President of the Society and Chairman of the General Executive Board, arrived and was greeted with hearty applause. Mrs. Davis made a few happy remarks, emphasizing the thought that it is our privilege to realize that God calls us to be his saints, quoting the divine message, "Fear not, for I am with thee," and then took in hand the business of the meeting.

The minutes of the previous session read by Mrs. Ingham, and also the minutes of the evening meeting, read by Mrs. Doud, were adopted.

On motion, Mrs. P. W. Nickerson, of the New York Conference, was elected to take the place of the absent delegate.

Reports of Corresponding Secretaries full of interest were presented and accepted in the following order: Mrs. W. G. Williams, for Central Ohio Conference; Miss Clara Allen, for Cincinnati Conference; Mrs. H. W. Rogers, for Detroit Conference; Mrs. C. V. Culver, for Erie Conference; Mrs. R. B. Hayes read the report of Colorado Conference sent by Mrs. Chas. F. Springer.*

On motion of Mrs. Rust, Mrs. D. W. Crossland was elected to represent the Indiana Conference.

Owing to the illness and consequent absence of Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, Secretary of the Bureau for the East Southern States, the report was deferred for a time.

The report from the Bureau for Middle Southern States was also postponed owing to the non-arrival of Mrs. S. F. Hoyt, Secretary. Mrs. R. S. Rust, Secretary of the Bureau for West Southern States, then submitted an extended report, which was accepted and referred to Committee on Finance and Mission Fields. A discussion followed, including questions and answers, which developed many points of interest in connection with industrial training, and indicated the success which has attended the establishment of Industrial Homes. Mrs. Hayes, the President, spoke of the interest taken by herself and Gen. Hayes in the en-

*The full text of all reports read at this meeting will be found, under appropriate headings, on the pages next succeeding the Minutes.

couragement of Industrial Training as an essential qualification for usefulness in life.

Mrs. Davis stated that she had the pleasure of introducing Miss Mary Santley, who has had much experience in this line of work, and asked the pleasure of the meeting. On motion, the order was suspended, and Miss Santley spoke briefly of the training she had given girls, who are now scattered over the country in homes of their own which are *models*.

Rev. Dr. O. H. Warren, Editor of the *Northern Christian Advocate*, was introduced and said that he had watched the progress of this organization with more interest than any other, and bade its workers God speed in the work which God has marked out for them.

The order of business was resumed and the report from the Bureau for Texas was presented by Mrs. Aiken, in the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Herron. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields. Mrs. W. G. Williams made an effective plea for this Bureau, and the following pledges were given: Mrs. W. G. Williams, $20; Mrs. J. F. Willing, $10; Mrs. R. B. Hayes, $20; Mrs. F. Gearhart, $5; Mrs. John Davis, $10; Mrs. S. V. Cooper, $5; Miss Van Marter, $10; Troy Conference, per Mrs. E. W. Simpson, for white work $20; Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, for white work $20; Newark Conference, per Mrs. J. I. Boswell, $10; Central Pennsylvania Conference, per Mrs. Black, $20. Total, $150.

Mrs. Rust spoke of the home projected at New Orleans, and called for donations to the Peck Memorial Home as a tribute of respect to the memory of our late beloved Bishop Peck. Generous responses followed after a few fitting remarks by Rev. Dr. Warren, who started the subscriptions with a life membership pledge of $20; Mrs. R. S. Rust, $20; Mrs. J. C. Scott, $20; Mrs. J. D. Wyman, Meadville, Pa., $20; Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Bryn Mawr, Pa., $10; Mrs. Jones, Ithaca, N. Y., $10; Illinois Conference, per Mrs. Crist, $20; Erie Conference, per Mrs. Culver, $50; Mrs. J. Worden, Syracuse, N. Y., $20; Genesee Conference, per Mrs. Green, $200; Southeast Indiana Conference, per Mrs. Chafee, $20; New England Conference, per Mrs. Cooper, $100; North Ohio Conference, per Mrs. Doud, $20, Mrs. Beckford, Syracuse, $5; Mrs. Alger, of New Hampshire, $5; Trinity Auxiliary, Cincinnati, per Mrs. Carey, $20; Indiana Conference, per Mrs. Crossland, $20; Mrs. R. B. Hayes, $10: Mrs. H. C. Wonsey, Marine City, Mich., $5.

Mrs. Hester Williams, of Baton Rouge, La., was called to the platform, and in her own inimitable style added enthusiasm to the occasion, though not at the expense of the proposed Hester Williams Home.

Mrs. R. W. Santley pledged the sum of $200 for the North Ohio Conference to be used at Holly Springs, Miss.

Mrs. H. C. M'Cabe, Editor of *Woman's Home Missions*, submitted her report of the paper, which was adopted. This detailed in part the history of the official organ of the Society, and with a sparkle of wit and humor revealed the shadows of doubt and fear happily chased away in the present sunlight of success and hope.

Mrs. Aiken presented the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Concert lessons furnished for the columns of the *Woman's*

Home Missions by Mrs. Emily Bugbee and Mrs. M. C. Oliver, have proved a great help to our auxiliaries, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the services of these ladies, and request them to continue the favor for the coming year.

On motion, adjourned.

Friday Afternoon.

The session opened at 2 o'clock, with Mrs. Davis in the chair. "One more day's work for Jesus," and "Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove," were sung, and prayers were offered by Mrs. Garrison and Mrs. FitzGerald.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Doud, and adopted. In the absence of Mrs. Whetstone, Mrs. Aiken was called upon to represent the work in the East Southern States, which she did very happily. In so moving a manner did she tell the story of little Rosa King, the first girl received as an inmate of Boylan Home, and now an inmate of a heavenly mansion, that hearts were moved to complete the work of naming a room so bravely begun by this little black girl. In a very brief time $125 were raised, which will warm and furnish a room in memory of little Rosa. Pledges were received from Miss Van Marter, $10; Mrs. Doud, $10; Mrs. Willing, $5; Mrs. Culver, $5; Miss Newhall, $10; Mrs. Boswell, $5; Mrs. H. C. Wonsey, $5; Miss Hedges, $10; Mrs. Bentley, $5; Miss Allen, $20; Mrs. Hester Williams, $5; Mrs. Carhart, $5; Mrs. DeGroot, $20; Mrs. Sherburn, $5; Mrs. Tupper, $5. Most of these pledges were in behalf of Mission Bands.

In the absence of Mrs. S. W. Thompson, publisher of *Woman's Home Missions*, Mrs. Aiken presented the report, which was adopted. The fact that our subscription list has decreased stirred the ladies to immediate action, and on Mrs. Rust's suggestion, the following ladies pledged subscriptions:

Mrs. Morrow 5 copies, Mrs. A. Spencer 10, Mrs. Culver 500, Mrs. Doud 300, Mrs. Hartwell 10, Mrs. Boughton 10, Miss Hedges 20, Mrs. Carhart 100, Mrs. J. Davis 10, Mrs. J. M. Johnston 10, Mrs. Rust 20, Mrs. Hagans 10, Miss Allen 100, Mrs. Clark 100, Mrs. Nickerson 10, Mrs. Hicks 10, Miss Newhall 10, Mrs. H. A. Wells 10, Mrs. Crist 10, Mrs. Mansfield 10, Mrs. Wonsey 10, Mrs. Gearhart 10.

Mrs. Aiken presented the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, We consider the reading of the *Woman's Home Missions* essential to an intelligent interest in our work, and believe that a systematic effort on the part of the officers of auxiliaries, would result in increased subscriptions to our paper, therefore,

Resolved, That we urge every auxiliary to make a *thorough canvass* for subscriptions during the coming year.

At this point, notice was given of a reception to be tendered Mrs. Hayes, the delegates, visitors and all friends of the cause, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Durston, on Saturday evening.

Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Secretary of the Bureau for Middle Southern States, presented her report, which was one of great interest, showing intimate personal acquaintance with the work represented. The report was approved, and its recommendations for appropriations were referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Willing moved an early adjournment for sessions of Committees. Carried.

A change in program was moved and carried to admit the report on Local work, at 11 o'clock, on Saturday morning.

Mrs. Rust stated that as the Central New York Conference Society had already raised $600 for the Peck Industrial home in New Orleans, and pledged $400 more, it was entitled to the honor of naming the Home.

Mrs. Helen A. Mathews, missionary at Castle Garden, New York City, was introduced and spoke briefly of the importance of Christian work at this great gateway of the nations.

Announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, and the meeting adjourned.

Friday Evening.

A Young People's meeting was held in the church, under the direction of Mrs. W. A. Ingham, Secretary of Bureau for Young People's Work. Mrs. Mansfield opened the services by reading the hymn "Stand up for Jesus," which was sung with spirit. Mrs. Boswell read the Scripture lesson, and Miss Van Marter offered prayer. Miss Clara Allen read the hymn "Hark, the voice of Jesus calling," which all united in singing.

In her opening remarks, Mrs. Ingham said that the work of the Society had created a great enthusiasm in behalf of the colored women. She referred to the work of Mrs. Bruce, Amanda Smith and Hester Williams. She recommended the organization of Bands and Mission Circles among the youth of our churches.

Mrs. N. C. Alger spoke at length upon the necessity of elevating the home, and in words of soul-inspiring eloquence welcomed the Negro, the Mormon, the Indian, and the Chinese children to a share in the glorious provisions of Christianity.

Mrs. Ingham commended the action of Mrs. Hayes, when in the White House, in abolishing wine from the table, and introduced her to the audience. Mrs. Hayes briefly expressed her pleasure in being present at this meeting, and also her deep interest in the work that the Young People are doing.

Mrs. A. C. Morrow, of Minneapolis, Minn., followed with a charming address, in which she urged the young people to love, aid, work and pray for Home Missions. Mrs. Hester Williams, of Louisiana, told, with mingled pathos and humor, her experience in teaching the young children in her first school.

Saturday Morning.

The devotional meeting, conducted by Mrs. H. F. Spencer, was opened by singing: "Sow in the morn thy seed." Mrs. Spencer read the fifteenth chapter of St. John, and offered prayer, after which the hymn, "My gracious Lord, I own thy right," was sung.

Mrs. Davis took the chair, and the minutes of the previous session, read by Miss Van Marter, were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Mite-boxes was presented by Miss Clara Allen, in the absence of Mrs. W. M. Ampt. A brief discussion followed, and, on motion of Mrs. Willing, Conference Secretaries were requested to call the attention of their Societies to by-law No. 11 concerning Mite-boxes. The motion prevailed. The report was then adopted.

The report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments was called for. Mrs. Willing moved that this be made the first order of business upon going into Executive session. Carried.

Reports from Conference Secretaries were presented in the following order: Mrs. Black for Central Pennsylvania, in the absence of Mrs. Owen, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Clara L. Roach, of Baltimore Conference, gave a verbal report of great interest, closing with a cordial invitation to the Board of Managers to hold its next Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. E. B. Green reported progress in the Genesee Conference, as did Miss Newhall in the New England Conference. Miss Newhall also brought a hearty invitation to the Convention to hold its next meeting in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Aiken moved that the two invitations be received with thanks, and referred to Committee on Place of Meeting. Carried.

Mrs. Hayes presented the report of Idaho Conference, in the much to be regretted absence of Mrs. Springer.

Mrs. J. F. Willing submitted her report of the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona, showing how a great field lies open in which if evangelization be not speedily pushed, we shall soon find a group of Roman Catholic States. The report urged that work be at once begun in Arizona, and largely extended in New Mexico. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

The audience joined in singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," after which Mrs. W. G. Williams, Secretary of the Bureau of Local Work, presented an able report, showing that a good number of Conferences report Local work, such as Visitation, Cottage Prayer Meetings, Mothers' Meetings, Sewing Schools, etc. The report embodied various practical suggestions, which were discussed by Mrs. Doud, Mrs. Santley, Mrs. Carhart, Mrs. FitzGerald, Mrs. Mather, Mrs. Roach, Mrs. J. I. Boswell, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Willing, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Alger, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Culver, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Goff, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. W. L. Boswell.

Mrs. Willing moved the adoption of the report; but Mrs. Williams' amendment to postpone the adoption until after further discussion Monday morning was approved.

The noon hour of prayer was observed, Mrs. Davis leading in a few words of earnest petition for the divine blessing and guidance.

Miss Marsh, a Missionary at Saratoga, was introduced, and spoke briefly of her important and deeply interesting work of seeking the lost.

Mrs. Helen A. Mathews, Missionary at Castle Garden, was introduced and spoke of the opening, by our Society, of Mission work among the Emigrants.

The report of the Committee on Enrollment was presented by its Chairman, Mrs. C. E. Cherry, and adopted as follows:

The delegations present at this meeting represent fifteen States, and thirty Conferences. The total number of delegates, including General Officers and Conference Corresponding Secretaries, is sixty-nine; the number of visitors, one hundred and forty-five.

CONFERENCES.

BALTIMORE.—**Delegates:* Mrs. Clara L. Roach, Washington; Mrs. H. W. Crowl.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Delegates:* Mrs. Mary B. Spencer, Cazenovia; Mrs. C. E. Mogg, Oneida.

Visitors: Mrs. I. N. Clements, Mrs. Dr. Bass, Mrs. Rice, Miss Rice, Mrs. Alvord, Mrs. Prof. Ellis, Miss E. F. Beebe, Cazenovia; Mrs. A. E. Gorton, Chittenango; Miss H. C. Henry, Mrs. Edgecombe, Cortland; Miss Carrie Spencer, Miss Belle Ives, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. J. Hibbard, Mrs. C. Gibbard, Miss C. Driggs, Mrs. G. Hacker, Auburn; Mrs. C. M. Ruggles, Mrs. C. O. Loomis, Oneida; Miss A. Drake, Horseheads; Mrs. C. B. Jones, Ithaca; Mrs. M. P. H. Lu Queer, Elmira; Mrs. Wilson, Canastota; Mrs. J. Erwin, Jamesville; Mrs. W. S. Statham, Ira; Mrs. L. B. Wells, Manlius; Mrs. L. Eastwood, Baldwinsville; Mrs. M. J. Wells, Port Gibson; Mrs. F. L. Wilcox, Elmira; Mrs. B. I. Ives, Auburn; Mrs. Young, Skaneateles.

CENTRAL OHIO.—*General Officers:* Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Fremont; Mrs. H. C. M'Cabe, Delaware.

Delegates: Mrs. W. G. Williams, Delaware; Mrs. F. V. Chapman.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—*Delegate:* Mrs. F. Gearhart, Williamsport.

Visitors: Mrs. Emma Hammersley, Harrisburg; Mrs. M. I. Black.

CINCINNATI.—*General Officers:* Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. R. S. Rust, Mrs. A. R. Clark, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. M. B. Hagans, Cincinnati.

Delegates: Miss Clara Allen, Xenia; Mrs. M. T. Carey, Cincinnati.

DETROIT.—*Delegates:* Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Ann Arbor; Mrs. J. M. Johnston, Ann Arbor.

Visitor: Mrs. H. C. Wonsey, Marine City.

EAST OHIO.—*Visitor:* Mrs. T. Small, Cleveland.

ERIE.—*Delegates:* Mrs. C. V. Culver, Reno, Pa.; Mrs. E. J. L. Baker, Chautauqua.

Visitor: Mrs. J. D. Wyman.

GENESEE.—*Delegates:* Mrs. E. B. Green, Mrs. E. E. Chambers, Rochester, N.Y.

Visitors: Mrs. F. T. Coppins, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. E. Ocumpaugh, Mrs. W. S. McMillan, Mrs. Dr. Harrington, Mrs. A. W. Hayes, Mrs. W. R. Benham, Miss Laura Hopkins, Rochester, N. Y.

ILLINOIS.—*Delegates:* Mrs. S. A. Crist, Bloomington; Miss Emma J. Crawford.

INDIANA—*Visitor:* Mrs. D. W. Crossland.

LOUISIANA.—*Delegate:* Mrs. J. Bentley, New Orleans.

Visitor: Mrs. Hester Williams, Baton Rouge.

MICHIGAN.—*Delegate:* Mrs. W. J. Aldrich, Muskegon.

*The first name on the list of Delegates is in most cases the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

CONFERENCES.

MINNESOTA.—*Delegate:* Mrs. A. C. Morrow, Minneapolis.

NEBRASKA.—*Delegates:* Mrs. A. F. Newman, Lincoln; Mrs. I. S. D. Spurlock, Plattsmouth.

NEWARK.—*Delegates:* Mrs. J. I. Boswell, Nyack, N. Y.; Miss C. F. Hedges, Newark, N. J.
Visitors: Mrs. A. DeGroot, Mrs. J. D. FitzGerald, Newark.

NEW ENGLAND.—*Delegates:* Miss Maria Newhall, Lynn; Mrs. C. V. Cooper, Boston.
Visitors: Mrs. J. H. Mansfield, Malden; Mrs. L. R. Thayer, Mrs. L. H. Daggett, Boston.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.—*Delegates:* Mrs. J. Mather, Drownville; Mrs. E. L. Manchester, Providence.
Visitors: Mrs. M. E. Stewart, Mrs. H. C. Gratan.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—*Delegates:* Mrs. H. A. Wells, Haverhill, Mass.; Mrs. N. C. Alger, Marlboro, N. H.

NEW YORK.—*Delegates:* Miss M. Van Marter, New York; Mrs. P. W. Nickerson, New York.
Missionary: Mrs. H. A. Mathews, Castle Garden.

NEW YORK EAST.—*Delegates:* Mrs. L. H. Carhart, Brooklyn; Mrs. Mary L. Jacobs.

NORTH OHIO.—*General Officer:* Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Cleveland.
Journalistic Secretary: Mrs. W. A. Ingham, Cleveland.
Delegates: Mrs. L. H. Doud, Norwalk; Mrs. W. R. Santley, Wellington.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.—*Delegates:* Mrs. H. D. Ferguson, St. Johnsville; Mrs. T. B. Shepherd, Rome.
Visitors: Mrs. G. McComber, Mrs. R. M. Bingham, Miss A. Lamphire, Mrs. S. Felt, Mrs. A. Spencer, Mrs. Leland, Miss G. Shepherd, Miss C. Morris.

PHILADELPHIA.—*General Officer:* Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Bryn Mawr.
Delegates: Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Philadelphia.
Visitors: Mrs. J. W. Boughton, Mrs. C. Scott, Miss Scott, Philadelphia.

PITTSBURG.—*Visitor:* Miss A. R. Ingram.

ROCK RIVER.—*General Officer:* Mrs. J. F. Willing, Freeport, Ill.
Delegate: Mrs. E. E. Marcy, Evanston, Ill.

SOUTH-EAST INDIANA.—*Delegates:* Mrs. C. S. Chafee, College Corner, Ohio; Mrs. M. T. Lodge, Indianapolis.

TROY.—*Delegates:* Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Troy; Mrs. O. J. Squires.
Visitors: Mrs. W. H. Place, Mrs. Dr. Strong, Mrs. S. V. Leech, Mrs. H. H. Reed, Mrs. J. M. Word, Mrs. A. D. Lyon, Misses Wickman, Miss C. J. Hoag, Miss Pratt, Miss Brown, Mrs. Jas. Kent, Miss Kent.

VERMONT—*Delegates:* Mrs. J. O. Sherburn, Mrs. T. P. Frost, Montpelier.
Visitor: Mrs. P. A. Clark.

WYOMING.—*Delegates:* Mrs. E. S. Tupper, Mrs. J. Hartwell, Binghampton, N.Y.
Visitors: Miss L. Mayo, Mrs. H. H. Crary, Miss E. Sturdevant, Mrs. C. P. Hard, Mrs. E. S. Harding, Mrs. Hytron.

Announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, and the meeting adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon.

The Board of Managers met in Executive session, at 2 o'clock, with Mrs. Davis in the chair. "Jesus, Lover of my soul" was sung and prayer was offered by Mrs. Santley, of the North Ohio Conference.

Miss Van Marter made an earnest appeal for the establishment of a home in New York City for the benefit of the emigrants arriving at that port. She said "Miss Mary A. Lathbury, who is a seer, saw a Home and Training School for Emigrants at the very beginning of our work at Castle Garden, and made the first donation towards it." Mrs. Helen A. Mathews spoke of the urgent need for such a home, and on motion of Miss Van Marter an appropriation of $1,000 was voted to provide a temporary home. Amid much interest and enthusiasm pledges for this object, in shares of $10 each, were made by the following Conferences: Cincinnati, five shares; New York East, two shares; New York, ten; New England, ten; Wyoming, twenty; New Jersey, ten; Troy, ten; Erie, two; Newark, five; Central Ohio, two; Rome auxiliary, two; Mrs. Willing, two; and Mrs. Alger, a contribution of $5.00—making a total of $805 pledged.

Adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon.

CHILDREN'S MEETING.

At 3:45 o'clock a Children's Meeting was held in the auditorium, under the direction of Mrs. W. A. Ingham. An immense audience filled every seat, and standing room was eagerly sought for. Songs and recitations were given by the children of Syracuse, and brief addresses were made by Mesdames Cooper, Santley, Morrow, Williams and Aiken.

Saturday Evening.

A reception was tendered to Mrs. R. B. Hayes and the entire Board of Managers by Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Durston, at their residence, which proved to be a most enjoyable occasion.

Sunday Evening.

The auditorium was crowded on the occasion of the Anniversary of the Society. Mrs. R. B. Hayes presided. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Benham. Mrs. R. S. Rust, the Corresponding Secretary, outlined the work of the Society and said that thus far it has been mainly foundational. It has brought a new class of women into activity. Fifty nine Conference Societies have been formed, containing more than 1,200 auxiliary societies, an annual membership of 30,000, and a life membership of over 700, raising more than $150,000 for mission work and a large amount in supplies.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Rust, of Springfield, O., made an address on "Woman's Worth and Work." He said that the rank of woman is the test of civilization.

She is an accurate thermometer. Progress depends on her elevation. She is one of the mightiest forces in moral and spiritual advancement. Her spirit is all pervasive and transforming. Woman's worth is revealed in her moral and religious nature. Her moral superiority to man is unquestioned. She excels him in sensibility, chasteness, tenderness, compassion, affection. Heart is the vital element in Christian work. Woman's worth is seen in her power of sympathetic appreciation. Woman steps ever onward in the face of opposition. Christ is her emancipator. Prejudice has had its day of darkness. Time will give woman her appropriate recognition. Woman's work should be in harmony with her nature. She has the gift of utility as well as beauty. She was made for purity, not for pleasure. Appropriate work transfigures woman. Woman's work finds its highest sphere in the Christian home. America is woman's place of freedom and the present is her time of glowing opportunity. This nation is on probation. Fidelity to God alone can keep it from destruction. Woman's problem is to produce national unity among the heterogeneous elements of our country. The great task is national digestion. Either the American must Americanize the foreigner or the foreigner will foreignize the American. Already the line on the Christian Sabbath is clearly drawn. Woman's work is needed in the fight with the destructive elements of the country.

Mrs. F. T. Gaddis, our Missionary to the Pawnee Indians, gave an interesting account of her work in the Indian Territory, where there are 60,000 Indians, one fourth of whom are in heathen darkness. She had formed a Church of twenty-seven members among the Pawnees. Mrs. Gaddis thought the Church to blame because it has been civilizing Pagans instead of Christianizing Indians.

Mrs. Helen A. Mathews spoke briefly, but effectively of her work among the emigrants as soon as they registered at Castle Garden, New York.

Monday Morning.

After the usual devotional exercises Mrs. Davis resumed the chair, and the minutes of the previous meeting and also of the Executive session, read by Mrs. Aiken, were adopted.

On motion, it was decided to receive and file the reports of the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, unless of peculiar general interest, in order to hasten the business. Reports of the following Conferences were handed to the Secretary: Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Colorado, Maine, New England Southern, New Hampshire, New York, New York East, North Indiana, North-west Indiana, North-west Kansas, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Oregon, Puget Sound, Upper Iowa, and North-west Iowa. Mrs. Chas. F. Springer received a vote of thanks, in appreciative recognition of the work she had accomplished in the West.

Requests for appropriations for City Mission work were presented by Mrs. Carhart, Mrs. Rogers and others. Mrs. Rogers stated that in Detroit there are thirty thousand Poles, and asked for a missionary to be sent to that locality. The requests were referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Garrison presented greetings from Miss F. E. Willard, President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, to this Convention.

The following resolutions signed by Mrs. A. R. Clark and Mrs. C. F. Garrison, were read by the Secretary and, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we are proud of our dear old mother Church in that she is welcoming her daughters to a seat in her highest legislative body.

2. That we send our affectionate greetings to our sisters so honored of God and the Church, Mrs. Angie F. Newman, Miss Frances E. Willard, Mrs. Lizzie Van-Kirk, Mrs. Mary C. Ninde—*Lay Delegates*; *Mrs. O. L. Fisher, Mrs. H. Hodgetts, Mrs. R. S. Harding, Mrs. T. M. Logan, Mrs. T. B. Needles, Mrs. David Preston, Mrs. M. E. Roberts, Mrs. S. L. Coleman, Mrs. H. A. Hobart, Mrs. I. M. Hartsough—*Reserves*.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our principal Church papers.

Mrs. Aiken moved that in the absence of any delegate from the East Ohio Conference, Mrs. T. Small, visitor, be allowed to represent the Conference. Carried.

The Report of the Mormon Bureau, Mrs. S. W. Thomson, Secretary, was read by Mrs. Davis, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Newman, having recently visited Utah Territory, was given time to address the meeting. She said that owing to the joint possession of Davis Hall, matters pertaining to it must be settled by a joint committee of the Missionary Board, the local Board of Trustees and the Woman's Home Missionary Society. A letter from Rev. Mr. Iliff on Utah work was submitted by Mrs. Davis and referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

By request of Mrs. McCabe, Mrs. Shepherd reported the work among the St. Regis Indians.

Mrs. Willing presented a resolution requesting the Missionary Society to establish missions among Indians in New Mexico and Arizona. Mrs. McCabe moved to so amend as to include all large tribes of Indians wherever located. The resolution, as amended, was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That in view of the many openings for our work among the Indians, and the necessity of associating our Missionaries with those of the General Society for mutual aid, we respectfully ask that the Missionary authorities of our Church open a mission in each large tribe in New Mexico and Arizona, and in all the large tribes located in our other Territories.

Mrs. Gaddis spoke briefly of her work among the Pawnees, at one time encouraging and at another disheartening, and of her need for the ever-abiding presence of the Great Helper.

The hour of noon having arrived, all heads were bowed in silent devotion, and Mrs. Morrow followed in vocal prayer.

Mrs. J. I. Boswell proposed to make the infant son of Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, Principal of the Training-school at Chicago, a Life Member of the Society, and the following sums were pledged for that purpose:

Mrs. J. I. Boswell, $1; Mrs. Rust, $1; Mrs. Ingham, $5; Mrs. Rogers, $1; Mary J. Boswell, $1; Ethel Goff, $1; Gaylor Williams, $1; Lydia Carey Davis, $1; Clarence F. Graham, $1; Mrs. M'Cabe for Misses Wilson and Beard, $2; Mary

*As these ladies are also "honored," their names are appended.—Ed.

Crary, $1; Mrs. Clark, $1; Vincent M. Beede, $1; Mrs. E. Ocumpaugh, $1; Mrs. FitzGerald, $1.

Mrs. Ingham presented the report of the Bureau for Young People's Work, which was adopted.

Miss Van Marter, Chairman of the Committee to draft a Constitution for Mission Circles, presented a report which, on motion of Mrs. Morrow, was so amended as to provide that the Corresponding Secretary shall take subscriptions for *Woman's Home Missions*, and then adopted.

Rev. James Irwin, of Jamesville, for fifty-six years a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and spoke briefly. Rev. M. S. Hard and Rev. J. M. Wells were also introduced.

On motion of Mrs. Rust, Mrs. Scott of Philadelphia was added to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. M. T. Lodge, Secretary of the Bureau of Supplies, presented her report, which was adopted.

Mrs. Daggett, Secretary of the Bureau for Alaska, presented her report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

On motion, adjourned to meet in Executive session at 2 P. M.

Monday Afternoon.

The afternoon was devoted to general Committee work. A large audience, however, assembled in the auditorium and listened to impromptu addresses from Miss Van Marter, Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Lodge. Mrs. Ingham presented the claims of *Woman's Home Missions*, and subscriptions were taken. Mrs. Aiken commended "The Praise of the Nation," a missionary allegory, and copies were sold.

Monday Evening.

A large and interested audience filled the church, and after the opening exercises, Mrs. J. F. Willing spoke forcibly on "Romanism in America." She said that many Romanists in America are noble specimens of humanity, but the majority of them are ignorant. Priests take no oath of allegiance. Free speech, free religion, free education, are opposed by them. At the beginning of the century, one fifty-fourth of the population of our country was Romanist, and now one eighth is. They are coming over at the rate of a quarter of a million a year. What is to be done about it? Face the facts and pray to God. Something should be done by women in behalf of their fellow women, who against their will are shut up in convents. One part of home missionary work is to do something for Catholic women.

Mrs. H. W. Rogers delivered an interesting address on "Frontier work in Michigan," showing the need for missionary work among a population of 1,600,000, one-half of whom are of foreign parentage.

Mrs. L. H. Carhart spoke on "Local work," and gave an interesting description of work inaugurated among the 100,000 girls in shops and factories in Brooklyn, N. Y. She urged that cities be made places of refuge for God's oppressed ones, rather than places of temptation.

Tuesday Morning.

The public session opened about 9:30 o'clock with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. M'Cabe. Mrs. Davis occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Doud, and adopted.

Mrs. Marcy moved the appointment of a Committee of five on By-laws. Mrs. Mather moved an amendment that there be a standing Committee on By-laws. After some discussion this was withdrawn, and the original motion was voted in the negative.

Mrs. H. E. Doud, of Norwalk, O., Chairman of the Committee of three to confer upon the plan of a Home Missionary Reading Circle and Lecture Bureau, submitted by herself at the Fifth Annual Meeting, and to adapt it to the work of our Society, presented a report which was accepted, favorably discussed by Mrs. Santley, Mrs. Ingham, Mrs. Gearhart, Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Roach, and adopted. On motion of Mrs. Clark, it was resolved to establish a "Home Missionary Reading Circle and Lecture Bureau."

Mrs. Hoyt announced that Mrs. Wm. Carpenter, of Troy Conference had given a donation of $250, towards erecting a home in Utah to be called the S. V. Leech Mission Home. The Rev. S. V. Leech, D.D., of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., was introduced and in a few words commended the grand work accomplished by the Society and affirmed that the efforts and collections of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies stimulate rather than impair the offerings of the parent Society.

Rev. B. I. Ives was also introduced and spoke briefly.

The business was then resumed by the presentation of a report from the Committee on Leaflets, by Mrs. Marcy. On motion, this was adopted.

Mrs. Tupper, of Binghamton, moved that a leaflet on emigrants, and the work at Castle Garden be published. Carried.

The Committee on Location and Character of Children's Industrial Home reported progress as follows: After the regular session had closed on Thursday, (the first day of the session) a very largely attended conference was held, of ladies interested in young people's work. The subject brought before the workers was the character and location of our Industrial Home to be built for children by the children of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The result of the conference was the appointment of a Committee to consider this matter, consisting of Mrs. A. R. Clark, Chairman, Mrs. W. A. Ingham, Mrs. J. H. Mansfield, Mrs. C. V. Culver, Mrs. J. Bentley, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. R. S. Rust. Later, through Mrs. B. Spurlock, a proffer was made of 160 acres of land under cultivation, as the beginning of a home for orphan children of frontier ministers, which proffer was referred to this Committee for consideration, and future action.

The report of the Committee on Training-school was submitted by Mrs. Marcy and adopted.

Mrs. W. G. Williams presented the following resolution, and requested that it be referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields, and it was so referred:

Resolved, that the Committee on Publication of Annual Report be instructed to print a summary by Conferences of the reports of the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Bureau of Supplies, instead of an itemized report.

The report of the Committee on Bequests was read by Mrs. M. B. Hagans and adopted.

Mrs. H. F. Spencer asked if the Society would accept a bequest for Local Missionary work alone, and an affirmative response was readily given.

Mrs. J. F. Willing read the report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates, which showed that the characters of the candidates applying for appointments as Missionaries are of unusual excellence. On motion this report was adopted.

The reports of the Committees on Transportation and Beneficiaries were ordered filed with the Secretary without reading.

Mrs. A. F. Newman presented the following:

Resolved, That the Woman's Home Missionary Society, as a national organization, hereby pledges itself to an active co-operation in the movement projected by the Christian women of Utah, to petition State Legislatures and the National Congress against Statehood in Utah Territory.

Mrs. R. B. Hayes, the President, deprecated this action, stating that in her opinion the Society should not interfere with political questions. On motion, the matter was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. Newman then submitted the following, which were referred to the General Executive Board:

Resolved, 1. That upon the appointment of the Mormon Bureau, the members be selected within a given radius of the field.

2. That the Mormon Bureau hold quarterly meetings for the discussion of all matters pertaining to the department.

3. That discretionary power be extended to the Bureau to act in emergencies.

4. That a contingent fund be placed at the disposal of the Bureau to provide for the exigencies which constantly arise under the anomalous social conditions of Utah Territory.

The following, presented by Mrs. J. I. Boswell, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society hereby expresses its appreciation of the sacrifices Mrs. Newman has made in behalf of the Mormon women, and its indebtedness to her for eloquent advocacy of the cause in her recent tour among the Conferences. Believing her providentially raised up to plead this cause, it prays that God's richest blessings may rest upon her labors.

Mrs. Newman presented the report of Nebraska Conference, also of North Nebraska Conference, both of which were adopted.

Mrs. L. H. Carhart reported for the New York East Conference, and Mrs. J. Bentley for the Louisiana Conference. On motion, these were adopted.

Mrs. Hester Williams followed with a plea for the proposed Hester Williams Home. Mrs. R. B. Hayes started a subscription with $10, and $200 were subscribed as follows: Binghamton Auxiliary, $20; Mrs. Willing, $5; Mrs. Hagans, $5; Central Pennsylvania Conference, $10; Baltimore Conference, $10; Erie Conference, $10; Mrs. Cooper, $5; Miss Newhall, $5; Mrs. Amos Beckford, $5; Mrs. J. I. Boswell, $5; Mrs. Kent, $10; Ann Arbor Auxiliary, $10; Nannie Boughton, $5; Miss C. F. Hedges, $10; Mrs. Squires, $5; Young Ladies' Aux-

iliary of Wilkesbarre, Pa., $10; Mrs. Goff, $5; Cincinnati Conference, $10; Mrs. Ocumpaugh, $5; East Ohio Conference, $10; Mrs. Clark, $5; Central Ohio Conference, $5; Mrs. T. B. Shepherd, $5; Mrs. John Davis, $5; Mrs. F. T. Coppins, $5; Mrs. W. L. Boswell, $5.

Chancellor C. N. Sims, of Syracuse University, was introduced and invited the convention to attend the University to-morrow. The invitation was received with thanks.

Mrs. Newman introduced the following, which were referred to the Committee on Resolutions, and subsequently, on recommendation of that Committee, were referred to the General Executive Board.

Resolved, 1. That the annual reports of Secretaries of Bureaus be transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary fifteen days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

2. That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to have printed five hundred copies of each, in tract form, for circulation at Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Spurlock made a plea for a new leaflet on the Mormon work, and on motion of Mrs. Aldrich, the matter was referred to the Leaflet Committee.

The Committee on Nominations was called upon to report, and Mrs. A. C. Morrow, Chairman, said that it was decided to make the election of officers the subject of consideration in Executive session this afternoon.

The noon hour having arrived the divine blessing was invoked by Mrs. Hester Williams.

The ladies of Philadelphia having bought a beautiful silk quilt, the work of the Pawnee Indian women, for the sum of one hundred dollars, presented it, through Mrs. Hayes, to Mrs. Goff, President of the Philadelphia Conference Society, as a token of their love for her personally and officially. Mrs. Goff responded with much feeling. It was decided to apply this money to the Pawnee Mission.

Mrs. Rust presented the report of the German Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, and moved that the auxiliary relation asked for be granted. On motion of Mrs. Clark, it was referred to the General Executive Board.

Mrs. Mansfield, Chairman of the Committee on Place of Meeting, reported that invitations had been received from Tremont Church, Boston, Mass., and from Grace Church, Baltimore, Md., to hold the next Annual Meeting in those cities. The representatives of both Churches advocated their special claims in a spirited manner. The first ballot resulted in a tie. Mrs. Hayes, the President, declined to exercise her privilege and ordered another vote taken. The ladies stood while the Secretary counted the votes, and a majority of three decided in favor of Boston. Mrs. Roach, Corresponding Secretary of Baltimore Conference, congratulated in a most cordial manner the Boston ladies on the result of the pleasant contest.

Greetings were received from Mrs. U. S. Grant.

A pall seems to fall on the meeting as the announcement of the death of Mrs. R. M. Pelton was made. Mrs. Pelton was a member of the First Church,

Syracuse, and a Life Member of the Society, and had attended the opening exercises of this Meeting. Mrs. H. F. Spencer spoke of the deceased and called upon Mrs. John Davis to offer prayer. "Shall we gather at the river" was sung, after which Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Rust were constituted a Committee to convey the sympathy of the convention to the bereaved family.

On motion, adjourned to meet in Executive session at 2 o'clock.

Tuesday Afternoon.

The Executive session convened, with Mrs. Davis in the chair. "He leadeth me," was sung, after which the report of the Committee on Nominations was presented by Miss Van Marter. It was moved and seconded that the Recording Secretary be instructed to cast the vote, but objection to this being raised, it was moved and carried that the officers be balloted for by this body, and that the entire list of officers be embodied in one ballot. A ballot was then taken. Mrs. Goff and Mrs. Carhart were appointed tellers.

During the absence of the tellers, Mrs. Willing presented a partial report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted. A discussion upon the resolution concerning Annual Reports was participated in by Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. Culver, Mrs. Alger, Mrs. Santley, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Mather, and others.

The tellers having returned, Mrs. Carhart reported the entire Board re-elected. The scattering votes were as follows: For Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, one vote; for Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. W. G. Williams, two votes; for Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. W. G. Williams, eight votes; for Corresponding Secretary, Miss Van Marter, one vote; for Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Thorne, one vote; for Third Manager, Mrs. Rogers, one vote; for Fifth Manager, Mrs. H. E. Doud, and Mrs. S. W. Thompson, each one vote. On motion of Mrs. Rogers, the vote was made unanimous.

On motion of Mrs. Rust, Mrs. Bishop Peck was elected Honorary Vice-President. On motion of Mrs. Aiken, Mrs. S. W. Thompson, as recommended by the General Executive Board, was elected Honorary Vice-President. On motion of Mrs. Roach and others, the following were also elected Honorary Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Bishop Andrews, Mrs. Bishop Harris and Mrs. Gen. U. S. Grant.

The Recording Secretary was instructed to notify these ladies of their election and to present greetings.

On motion, it was ordered that all nominations of this character be sent, in future, to the Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Aiken submitted the nominations of the General Executive Board for Secretaries of Bureaus for confirmation by the Board of Managers, in accordance with by-law twenty-one, Section II. These nominations, on motion, were confirmed. Adjourned to meet in final Executive session at 7 o'clock P. M.

Tuesday Evening.

At an early hour the Board of Managers re-assembled in Executive session with the faithful presiding officer, Mrs. Davis, in the chair. The minutes of the morning session were read by Mrs. Ingham, corrected and adopted. The minutes of the afternoon Executive session were read by Mrs. Aiken, and adopted.

Mrs. Marcy presented the following resolution in behalf of Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, Principal of the Chicago Training-school, which on motion was adopted:

Resolved, That we invite the Preacher's Meeting, the Woman's Home and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of the M. E. Church, and the Rock River Conference, each to appoint annually a Visiting Committee of one or more to inquire into the thoroughness of instruction, and the general management of the Home and School, and to report to the Board of Managers of the Chicago Training-school.

Mrs. Marcy submitted a resolution involving a change in by-law No. 3, Sec. II, which was voted in the negative.

Mrs. W. G. Williams read the report of the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields, and, on motion of Mrs. Willing, the appropriations recommended were adopted item by item.

Mrs. Rogers' motion that the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Rust, present the appropriations to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church prevailed.

The report of the Bureau of Local Work was presented by its Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Williams, considered item by item, and adopted.

The question was asked whether moneys for Local Missionary Work could be applied on life memberships, and on motion of Mrs. Clark was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Rust, Mrs. Hoyt and Mrs. Willing were elected to represent the Society at the next General Conference.

Mrs. Daggett presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in consideration of the fact that Mrs. G. F. Arms, of Vermont, is willing to do the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Alaska, she be adopted as a Missionary.

The report of the Committee on WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS was given by Mrs. W. G. Williams, and on motion adopted. After which Miss Van Marter submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We learn with deep regret of the resignation of Mrs. S. W. Thomson, Publisher of *Woman's Home Missions*, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society extends to her its warm and sisterly love and appreciation in view of her untiring efforts, her loving sacrifices and her unfailing spirit of kindness and forbearance in the midst of most perplexing duties and responsibilities, and that it tenders to her its warmest thanks for her devoted and successful efforts to advance the cause through the beloved little paper, and offers its most fervent prayers for the blessing of the Lord to follow her in all the work of her busy and beautiful life.

2. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Thomson, and that they be published in the *Woman's Home Missions*.

The resolution offered by Mrs. Newman, pledging the Society to active co-operation in the movement projected by the Christian women of Utah, to petition State Legislatures and the National Congress against Statehood in Utah Territory, and referred to the Committee on Resolutions, was on recommendation of that Committee adopted.

Mrs. Aiken was nominated as Editor of the Annual Report, but declining with thanks, promised to prepare the minutes for publication.

Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, whose experience and services have so long been invaluable in this special work, was unanimously elected Editor and Publisher of the Sixth Annual Report.

The minutes of the closing session were read by the Recording Secretary and adopted.

Mrs. John Davis, from a heart full of thankfulness, expressed sentiments of profound satisfaction at the harmony of spirit which had uniformly characterized the deliberations of this meeting, and Mrs. C. L. Roach united all hearts in a vocal petition of thankfulness for the blessings of the past, and earnest pleading for divine guidance and wisdom in the future work of the Society.

The Doxology was sung, and at ten minutes after ten o'clock the Annual Meeting adjourned.

We take great pleasure in expressing our appreciation of the untiring efforts of the ladies of Syracuse in extending Christian hospitality and courtesy, not only in their homes of beauty and refinement, but also at the Church, where each day most refreshing and substantial luncheons were served in a complete and satisfactory manner by the following Churches:

THURSDAY—Lunch	served by	First M. E. Church. Mrs. David Stevens, Mrs. Yale Anderson,	Committee in charge.
FRIDAY —	"	Centenary Church, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Gurley,	"
SATURDAY—	"	Geddes and Brown Memorial, Mrs. Chas. Pharis, Mrs. D. W. Smith,	"
MONDAY—	"	University Ave. Church, Mrs. T. W. Durston, Mrs. Will Gage.	"
TUESDAY—	"	Furman St. & 1st Ward Churches, Mrs. W. H. York, Mrs. Parker,	"

MRS. F. A. AIKEN, *Recording Secretary.*

MISS M. VANMARTER,
MRS. W. A. INGHAM,
MRS. H. E. DOUD,
Assistants.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

MRS. R. S. RUST.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society respectfully presents her Sixth Annual Report. It is with a deep sense of responsibitity, and a strong feeling of obligation, that we enter upon a review of the work of the year, set forth the opportunities for usefulness enjoyed, and urge upon our sisters the claims and needs of our country as an important field of Missionary effort.

While gratefully acknowledging the generous gifts of friends, the Board of Managers, with faith in the great work demanded at its hands, is oftimes sad, in view of its inability to respond to earnest appeals to carry out the work of reform planned with so much solicitude and care. Thus the experience of the year has been both pleasant and painful, hope deferred and fruition, sunshine and shade, something as we have seen the lights and shadows chasing each other across a landscape; but we know that the great Sun of righteousness is shining over all, however the clouds may lower, and we can rest in the assurance that while He leadeth us all is well.

One great object of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is to spread intelligence among our people in regard to the conditions of want and danger in our own land, and to call attention to the pressing need of home evangelization. It is encouraging that everywhere the Church is becoming aroused to the importance of this subject, and is considering the question of Home Missions, and that the press, both religious and secular, is contributing to its proper understanding and settlement. Would that the interest, the effort, and especially the giving, were in proportion to the obligation. They will be, we are convinced, when patriots and Christians realize the ominous peril of the hour, which is indicated by the rapid increase of our country's population with the conditions of illiteracy and degradation in which so many are involved, the flocking of the masses to cities, and the fearful growth of infidel and anarchical sentiments, which are fatal to all safety and prosperity.

MISSION FIELDS.

Marvelous changes have taken place in this country within a few years, that vitally effect the obligations of the Church. The Home Mission Field now inviting our effort, only a few years ago, hardly extended beyond the prosperous States north of the Ohio, and east of the Mississippi river. Encouraged by the pulpit and the press, Missionary impulse and effort reached out to foreign heathen people. This is well, but within a quarter of a century the opening of our frontiers South and West to Missionary effort has multiplied the area of Home

Missionary territory many times, while the increased proportions of ignorance and danger can hardly be estimated. Immigration has become an important factor in our civilization, not only in controlling the cities, but in determining the destiny of vast sections of the country. Our great Territories are rapidly becoming settled, and will soon become States. Their Government, Social and Political, is being moulded and controlled by those antagonistic to Republican and Christian principles.

WESTERN TERRITORIES.

In our Western Territories, infidelity, Mormonism, and Romanism contend for supremacy in Government, while the Indian tribes, scattered and persecuted, are more frequently disturbed in their heathen worship by the crack of the rifle of our soldiery, than by the voice of the Gospel of love. It should be remembered that the territory west of the Mississippi River, not including Alaska, is two and one-half times larger than that east of it, and it is not true, as we have been in the habit of thinking, that this section is merely a vast wilderness in which Indians and wild buffaloes roam at will. Statisticians inform us that in 1900, there will be nearly 38,000,000 of people west of that river, as many as were east of it in 1880. This will give to that vast region in fifteen years an average population more than one-third as dense as now resides east of it. The census informs us that in 1880 58.9 per cent. of the population between the Mississippi river and Alaska was of foreign birth or parentage, and 75 per cent. of the immigrants go West. Settlements of a single nationality occupying hundreds of thousands of acres of land are already established. They form distinct communities essentially foreign in ideas, habits, and language. Following the present rate of increase, in fifteen years 25,000,000, or two-thirds of the whole population west of the Mississippi, will be of foreign birth or parentage.

In eight of the Western Territories there are eighteen times as many Catholics as there are members of all Protestant bodies. From 1850 to 1880 the population of the country increased 116 per cent. The communicants of Protestant Churches increased 185 per cent. and the Catholic population 294 per cent. During the same period the number of Evangelical Churches increased 125 per cent. and the Catholic Churches 447 per cent. Protestant ministers increased 173 per cent., Catholic Priests, 391 per cent. In 1850 the Catholic population was 45 per cent. of the Evangelical Church membership in the country. In 1880 it was 65 per cent. Since 1880 there has been a marked increase in the Catholic population. The average annual growth from 1870 to 1880 was 176,733, while from 1883 to 1884 it was 231,322. In ten of these great Territories, with an area larger in extent than all the States east of the Mississippi river, there is only an average of one in 182 of the population connected with any Evangelical Church, while in two of them, which are nearly equal in square miles to the original thirteen States, the proportion is one to 671. If the Church is to be established in this section, the people must be reached by some power that will bring them into intelligent sympathy with our Christian Institutions. The difficulty of reaching and influencing them will increase in proportion as the foreign element dominates in numbers and influence. That infidelity, Mormonism, Communism, and Romanism, are strong factors against us, no intelligent person will deny.

This is the golden hour of our opportunity. If we furnish Christian education for the children, in fifteen years we may secure a generation of loyal Christian citizens. If we neglect it, imagination can scarcely conceive the fearful consequences. To meet our share of this obligation, we think this Society ought to send at least 300 Missionary teachers into that section within the next ten years. If the population of the Territories needing Christian aid only reaches 30,000,000 in that time, this would be only one teacher to 100,000 people. Women as teachers through their influence with the children can gain access to the homes and hearts of the parents. In many cases women alone can give the instruction that is needed to alleviate the prevalent wretchedness, and awaken hopes of a better life. This is true of a large portion of the native women of New Mexico, of Indian women, and of those in the thraldom of the Mormon faith.

THE SOUTH.

According to the census of 1880, more than 45 per cent. of the population over ten years of age in the States south of the Ohio river, were illiterate. In the half dozen coast States between Virginia and Texas the proportion of illiteracy is over 50 per cent. This includes both races. Granting that there were 4,000,000 of negroes in the country at the time of emancipation, and there are 8,000,000 now, and that the rate of increase is 35 per cent. every ten years, during the first decade the gain was 383 a day, during the second 545, and for the last few years it has been 700 each day. Twenty years hence the population in eight of the coast and gulf States will be more than half colored. When they gain the numbers and power will they be likely to forget that in 1887 the white legislators of several states were ready to vote it a criminal offense for both races to attend the same school? If they are not educated and trained in industries, elevated in morals, and prepared to exercise the rights and perform the duties of intelligent Christian citizens, they will become a most dangerous element of society. It will not be difficult for demagogues to lead them to deeds of violence. They will be good subjects for the plotters of Anarchy to work among, for they have reason to feel that the good things of the land belong to them, as two hundred years of unrequitted toil is on their side of the balance.

The Church has established schools and Churches, and sent teachers and preachers among them, but they are largely destitute of homes or of a proper conception of what the term home means. The home is the center of everything good and beautiful. All the virtues are essential to its maintenance, and only a few of them will remain in a people bereft of it. The natural increase of the Negro population in this country last year was 300,000. It is impossible for the Missionary agencies of the Church through all its branches to provide for the primary education of these immense and rapidly growing masses. This must be the work of the State, stimulated and aided by Church funds in the preparation of teachers, ministers and home-makers. The Church cannot afford to employ any methods but the most economical and successful. The several denominations working in this section have been studying the problem for twenty-five years, and the experience of all agrees that Christian education is the only foundation upon which permanent reform must be based.

The other branches of benevolence of our Church have been established

for years, and have gained prestige and influence in the community. Our Society coming into the field at this late hour, may profit by all that these have done and gained. Industrial and moral training being its legitimate sphere of work, its opportunity is in connection with the schools. The pupils in these are chosen from the multitudes seeking aid, and are the most promising of the young people. These may be trained for teachers. We find in these schools promising girls partially educated. They have been tested as to ability, integrity, and morality, and they may easily be trained in womanly and industrial pursuits that will make them good teachers, wives and mothers. All over the South land their homes will be models for imitation, and will have a more inspiring and practical influence in the community than any amount of precept. A good home under almost any circumstances is an object lesson which will be understood, appreciated, and imitated by this aspiring people.

The Church succeeds by uniting its agencies in effort, each being supported by the others. Our Society cannot afford to send out its workers alone unsustained by the various organizations of the Church. As in the Western Territories we need to have our Missions in co-operation with the Church, so in the South; to secure economy and efficiency, our work must be supplimental to the other benevolent enterprises. The Church in this follows with advantage the rules of business. Organization multiplies force. Mission work, to accomplish great and permanent results, must be planned broadly and each step of progress must be firmly taken. When a canal or railroad is to be constructed, the workmen are not distributed carelessly along the track. The strength of many is concentrated on a point. They bring to their aid powerful machinery. The work moves steadily forward. The results are complete and enduring. A Missionary, unsupported by the other agencies of the Church, works at similar disadvantage. It is easy to kindle the enthusiasm of an ignorant and confiding people, we are encouraged by their ready response, as the lone workman who had felled a few trees, or excavated a few feet of a canal would be glad, but in a little while the undergrowth hides his clearing, and the drift fills the embryo canal. If our work is not established on a good foundation of Christian character, when left without the inspiring presence of the Missionary, the weeds will spring up and hide his pathway. The people will be enervated rather than strengthened, just as the injudicious giving of alms makes paupers instead of relieving mendicancy. When starting a Missionary in the field, it is an important question for us to consider whether we are in danger of sowing our seed where the tares may choke it, or in stony places, without the moral and educational foundation in which it may take root, or where it will be devoured by the vultures of sin as soon as it reaches the ground.

CITIES.

Our large cities and towns contain one-quarter of the population of the whole country, and this proportion is rapidly increasing. In the ninety years preceding 1880, the entire population increased 12-fold, while that of the cities increased 86-fold. A little less than one-third of the population of the United States and Territories is of foreign birth or parentage, while in the leading cities as Cincinnati, Cleveland, Boston, New York and Chicago, it is respectively 62, 69, 70, 88, and 91 per cent.

The Roman Catholic Church exerts a controlling influence in the Government in several of our Territories, and it is dominant and rapidly growing in numbers and proportionate strength in the cities. Brooklyn has eighteen times as many people to-day, as it had in 1840, and while it has only ten times as many Protestant, it has twenty-five times as many Catholic Churches. Newark has eight times the population of 1840, five times as many Protestant, but fourteen times as many Catholic Churches. Since 1850, the population of Jersey City has increased nineteen times, Protestant Churches six and one-half, and the Catholic, sixteen times. In these three cities, there was in 1840 one Protestant Church to 1,250 persons; in 1887, one to 3,000. In 1840 there was one Catholic Church to 22,500 persons, and in 1887, one to 12,000. The population of New York City has increased 300,000 since 1880. To preserve the proportion of Protestant Churches to the population, 100 should have been added during these seven years, while the startling fact remains that there are now only four more Protestant Churches than at that time.

In six Assembly districts in New York, with an aggregate population of 360,240 in 1880, there were 3,018 saloons and 31 Protestant Churches, over 100 times as many saloons as Churches, a saloon to every 112 persons, and a Protestant Church to every 11,600. In the First Assembly district, there is a saloon to every 47 persons, in the 8th, one to 119, and in the 20th, one to 208. The number of Protestant Churches to the population in the 1st district is one to 6,285, in the 8th, one to 11,466, and in the 20th, one Protestant Church to 20,246 people. The testimony of facts proves that, especially in our cities, the masses that most need the Gospel are not attracted by the accustomed services. The beautiful music, fervent prayers, and eloquent sermons, do not reach these wanderers from the house of God with their burdened hearts. They need light in their darkness, sympathy in their sorrow, help in their poverty and encouragement in their despondency.

A large proportion of the vice and misery abounding in large cities is owing to such facts as these; the people depreciate the dignity of labor, are ignorant of any occupation by which an honest living may be secured and of the economies essential to home making. Every avenue of employment offering any inducement is crowded by young women anxious to secure self-support. A large majority of the applicants are unable to do anything well. It is not surprising that "ten thousand girls a year are lost in the maelstrom of sin in a single city." This wrong might be largely remedied if the youth were given Industrial training, shown the advantage of skilled labor, and assured of employment. If instruction could be provided for girls in all branches of home service, cooking, sewing, dressmaking, in book-keeping, stenography, type setting, etc., and provision could be made for distributing these trained workmen over the country, where their skill and strength are in demand, incalculable good could be secured to young girls.

On another occasion we urged that "Mission Churches should be made centers of all these saving influences, places where may be found schools in which children may be trained in useful occupations and in morals, young women taught remunerative industries, where employment may be secured, and above all, places where any who may come will be met with loving sympathy." The

Woman's Home Missionary Society could efficiently aid the Missions of a city through its Bureau of Local work, in thus adapting their methods to the needs of the people. Then the Mission Employment Agency, through the auxiliaries all over the country, could offer these girls good homes, good wages and the opportunity of useful and happy lives in hundreds of smaller cities and towns. The Society has constantly felt a strong drawing toward the needy population of our cities. Evidently, God in His Providence is moulding and preparing it to engage in this important work. It has not yet been able to satisfactorily formulate plans and thoroughly systemize this work. While it studies the question, and listens attentively to the suggestions of wisdom and experience, we believe, at no distant day, under divine guidance it will enter upon the work of saving the masses in cities with an enthusiasm, and efficiency that will secure the most hopeful results. We feel assured that a Mission of so great importance is worthy the providential origin and earnest endeavor of this organization of the Church. Zion's Herald, reviewing an article on the Woman's Home Missionary Society, asks: "Who knows but the elect womanhood of the Church has come to the kingdom at this time to set up, and operate the long-sought, efficient enginery for city evangelization, and to do the honors of our National Christian home to the millions whom God is strangely bidding to our feast?"

We notice that the plans just published for a grand Mission movement in London, by the Wesleyans of England, and which was to be inaugurated the 21st day of October, are almost identical with the above referred to. "The London Mission Homes or chapels are to be centers of all sorts of social movements, ladies' organizations, mothers' meetings, rescue homes, evening homes for girls, classes for young men, social purity societies, and high class musical evenings, grafted upon the spiritual organization, with a brass band to lead preaching expeditions to Trafalgar Square, and the Parks in summer, and concerts in winter to fill up the long and dreary evenings." If such a work was to be inaugurated here, Mission Churches already established could be remodeled for the purpose, and if good work was assured funds would not be lacking for its support. In the cities, particularly in the seaport towns, where multitudes of ignorant foreigners swell the tide, the strength of adjoining Conferences might be concentrated, and we may be assured the prosperous Churches so engaged will not languish and die. In this line of its activity the great possibilities for usefulness of our Society may be illustrated.

DIVISION OF WORK.

The Constitution provides for this by making it the "duty of the Board of Managers to arrange with the Conference Societies the work to be done by each." In view of the extent of our fields and the number of points that will be touched as the sphere of the Society is enlarged, it is evident that no Board could give special direction throughout the whole field. Particular supervision of the details must be provided for through Committees, and by entrusting it to the various Conference Boards.

It is evident also that the Board of Managers annually, and the Executive Board during the year must be informed of the needs of the field, and of the extent and progress of the work, in order that harmony with the general plans

and spirit of the Society may be secured. To this end, the Constitution has made provision for a Corresponding Secretary, and has defined the duty of this officer as follows: "To make herself acquainted with the needs and opportunities of the Mission fields, to correspond with the Missionaries, and with the Conference Secretaries, to furnish Conference Boards with needful information, to secure the details of their work, and to make reports of all this to the Executive Board quarterly, and to the Board of Managers annually, concerning the conditions and needs of the Mission fields, and to publish the same for the information of the membership." Of course no person, unaided, can make personal investigation of the condition and character of the needs in every part of our widely extended country, balance the relative importance and claims of each, suggest the best means of relief, see that the plans of work that have been approved by the Board of Managers are carried out, and then bring this information, properly compiled, regularly to the Board of Managers and to the Executive Board. Besides, the conditions in these fields are rapidly changing so as to modify our duty towards them. To provide for this work economically the field has been divided into sections, and these divisions placed under the care of Bureaus. The Secretary of each Bureau gathers the facts from her part of the field, and from the Committees entrusted with the management of the Missions, and forwards them to the general Secretary.

The Constitution of the Society holds the Corresponding Secretary responsible for this supervision and information. The assistance necessary to accomplish the object to be in harmony with the Constitution must supplement the work of the Corresponding Secretary. The reports of the Secretaries of the several Bureaus, together with that of the Corresponding Secretary, make the report of the office. Instead of compiling them in one paper, it is preferable that each Secretary of a Bureau present the report of her division of the field. Thus the details of the work of the year will appear in the reports of the several Bureaus.

ALASKA.

Plans have been approved for commencing work in this Territory, and a Missionary was commissioned last spring. In company with her husband she made the journey, and bravely entered upon her work amid trials and discouragements, but was taken ill and died a few months after her arrival in that land. This enterprise, commenced with so precious a sacrifice, we trust will during the coming year be permanently established at Unalaska, which seems most strongly to claim our attention.

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA.

If there was no other condition of these Territories claiming Missionary aid, that Romanism is dominant in them, and only one person in 681 is connected with any evangelical Church, would be sufficient reason for a vigorous effort in their behalf. Two Missionaries have recently entered upon this work, and it is proposed to establish a permanent Mission at Albuquerque. Besides the Spanish population of New Mexico, a promising Mission field invites us among the Navajos in northwest New Mexico, and northeast Arizona. This tribe of Indians numbers 22,000. They have increased one thousand a year for the last twelve years. They are

nomadic, and are wealthy in sheep, cattle and horses. Their manufactories in silver, pottery and blankets are very remarkable. They are heathen and destitute of schools. Faithful ministers could win them easily to Christ, for they despise our border civilization. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has granted the Society eighty acres of land, and military protection is promised if needed.

MORMONS.

The report of the Secretary of this Bureau will show that several new Missions have been established during the year, and teaching has been prosecuted with good success. Thirteen Missionaries are employed in the Territory, buildings have been provided at three points; others are projected, and special funds are being raised for their erection in localities where they are needed for the accommodation of the schools. The buildings of the Society in Utah have been provided at a cost of over $12,000.

INDIANS.

Our Mission at Pawnee, Indian Territory, has been in operation two years, and it is one of the most promising that has ever been established among this people. Recently two additional Missionaries were sent to this Territory, to aid the work inaugurated so successfully by Mrs. Gaddis and her son. The claims of other Indian tribes are urgent, and Missions will be opened among several of them. Owing to the dangers and difficulties attending labor among this people great precaution is needed in selecting stations with reference to protection and support from the Government and the Missionary agencies of the Church.

SUPPLIES.

This department has achieved valuable results. Ministers in several of our Conferences by this aid have been enabled to remain in the field during the year. Its plan of operation is becoming more and more systematized, and appropriations of clothing and material can be made through it with the assurance of valuable results. We ask special attention to the fact that our Model Homes and Industrial Schools depend largely upon this department for supplies. In each of our Model Homes, classes of from seventy-five to one hundred girls are taught. They need sewing materials, garments cut and ready to be made, half worn clothing to be repaired, and material to be cut and made by the modeling classes, needles, thread, thimbles, etc. These should be sent early in the year to each of the Model Homes.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Training-school for Missionaries, at Chicago, by its remarkable success, suggests a new and efficient agency for City evangelization. Schools similar to this may be established wherever needed, and may become great centers of Missionary influence. The enterprise was started under the auspices of this Society, and has become an instrumentality of blessing, not only in Chicago and this country, but for foreign lands. Already in it are consecrated women preparing for Mission work at home and abroad. A beautiful building for the school has been erected at a cost of $26,000. Forty-three students are in attendance, all of whom are engaged in active Mission work. These have made this year 2,795 religious

visits, and have taught 5,432 pupils. Nine young ladies have enlisted in the order of Deaconesses and give their whole time and strength, without compensation, to Mission work in Chicago.

WORK INAUGURATED DURING THE YEAR.

At Greensboro, N. C., we have a fine site adjoining the campus of Bennett Seminary, on which was erected last year the Kent Model Home. It is a pretty and appropriate house of two stories, substantially built, and well adapted to the needs of the work. It was opened early last fall, and has been filled during the year with girls, the advanced students of the school. The ladies of the Troy Conference, whose work it is, have reason to rejoice in the success thus far achieved.

At Ashville, N. C., a school property valued at $5,000 was donated to our Society by Rev. L. M. Pease, on the condition that we sustain a graded Industrial school for colored youth. Our denomination has a small colored membership here, and no house of worship for them, hence, it is necessary to provide for the establishment of a Church as a sustaining influence for the school. A room in the school building will be used temporarily for Sunday school, and Chapel purposes. A minister from the North will aid in this object and serve as Superintendent of the school, which has opened with encouraging prospects.

Charleston, S. C., furnishes an important field for Missionary effort. Last January a lady of experience was sent to Charleston to labor as a Missionary, who remained during the year, and she reports good results.

At Atlanta, Ga., a new building is in course of erection, which will add greatly to the efficiency of the industrial work in connection with Clark University. This will be ready for occupancy early in the year. The Freedmen's Aid Society gave to our Society a perpetual lease of the site on the campus of the University, and paid us $500 for the former home, to aid in the erection of the new building.

At Little Rock, Ark., in connection with the Philander Smith College, the larger building provided by the generous donation of Mrs. Smith, of Oak Park Ills., will be ready for occupancy the last of December. A beautiful site has been purchased which will afford ample space for the Model Home, and the additional buildings required to accommodate the Industrial branches. It adjoins the College campus, and the elevated site overlooks the city.

At New Orleans, La., a fine property for a School of Domestic Economy has been secured. This was obtained through the influence of Bishop Mallalieu, who is deeply interested in our work, and of Dr. Rust, who aided in its selection. It consists of a square, 310 feet by 270 feet, bounded on all sides by good streets. It is two minutes walk from the University, and just off of St. Charles Avenue, one of the principal thoroughfares of the city, and which is traversed by steam cars running both ways. It is centrally located with easy communication with every part of the city, and a broad and influential work may be established here. The size of the lot will furnish ample accommodation for the industrial building, (which may also serve for a home for the Missionaries engaged in city work,) and for the Model Homes that will operate for the instruction of the students from the rural districts who are attracted by the College. This association with the University will extend the sphere of its usefulness as wide as the patronage of the School.

Within a radius of two hundred miles there are a million colored people. A varied work is possible here, and it is important that this be so arranged as to inculcate the love of home. Instead of one large building several smaller houses to accommodate each a dozen or sixteen will bring these girls in contact with something like a real home, and they will learn to perform the duties of housekeeping. At first one Model Home will be erected, and others will be added as means allow. A building in the center of the square will provide facilities for the various branches of the School of Domestic Economy. In time this may become a Missionary center for our workers throughout the city, including the features suggested for city Mission work, and some of the methods of the Training-school at Chicago.

Missions to French-Speaking People. There are in this country over 2,000,000 of French-speaking people. A large portion of these are in the States of Louisiana and Mississippi. The Church has inaugurated an important Mission in their behalf in Louisiana, and last fall the Woman's Home Missionary Society sent a Missionary to co-operate with this Mission in New Orleans. The importance of the work can hardly be estimated. "Canal street," says our Missionary, "is the English channel of the city; above it is the English, below, the French-speaking quarter; the Straits of Dover no more divide two nations distinct in life and language than does this street. In the '*Quartier Francaise*', there are those who during a residence of fifty years have never crossed Canal street." The French language and habits are found not only in a large part of New Orleans but prevail in whole sections of the State. In counties up the river, and along the gulf in both directions, the people both colored and white use this language almost exclusively. A small proportion are Romanists, but mostly they are infidel in faith. A promising work has thus been commenced, several chapels and Sunday schools are established, services in French are used, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society finds here a large and influential Mission field that should command early and careful attention.

At Holly Springs, Miss., an appropriation from the Slater fund to Rust University was used for the advancement of our Industrial work for girls. Instruction in dressmaking and cooking has been provided, and a building on the grounds was fitted up with all the necessary conveniences. Good teachers were employed for each department, and the classes were continued through the year. From the same fund a printing press was secured at a cost of $200, an outfit of type provided, and a class of girls has been employed in this industry, making good progress in type-setting. Special training in the duties of nurses will be provided wherever our work is inaugurated.

A new era is dawning when girls may be encouraged to prepare themselves for the varied industries. Hitherto the wash tub, the field and domestic service were almost the only employments open to them. Labor has long been unpopular in the South, and the Freedmen have imbibed more or less of this spirit. This false view of life and labor must be corrected, and Industrial schools are the best means for its accomplishment. Everywhere in the South schools under the care of our denomination have introduced the industries into the course of study. The same consideration is given to them as to other studies, and the pupils are graded for their proficiency in the industrial as in other branches of learning. This recognition of

the dignity of labor is having a beneficial effect on the people, and the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society through the schools is exerting a beneficent influence as wide as that of the schools, because we have the same pupils, and through them can exert the same wide-spread influence.

MISSION AT CASTLE GARDEN. A year ago, the Society entered upon Mission work at Castle Garden. Previous to that time there had been no Protestant Missionary at this place to attend to the wants of the English speaking emigrants. The field for such a work is very great. Eighty-four large steamships arrive at the port every month bringing passengers. Thirty-two of these are from Great Britain and Ireland. Our one Missionary cannot meet the wants of those speaking our own language for advice and spiritual help. Additional workers are greatly needed; also a home or lodging place that will furnish temporary shelter for women and children. The neighborhood furnishes no safe accommodation for these, and we earnestly hope that an appropriation will be made for this object. In connection with this Mission, there is an important need for an Emigrant's Home, and Industrial Training School. This could be situated outside the city, the receiving house being at the landing place. Large numbers of girls come to this country with the hope of becoming self-supporting, but with no plans for securing employment, and ignorant of American ways. These could be taught cooking, and other branches of domestic service, and, through our hundreds of auxiliaries, placed in good homes in other cities and small towns. Without any organized co-operation our Missionary, Mrs. Mathews, has already commenced successfully a work of this character.

If the Church in America is to become a power for the evangelization of the world, its latent energies must be developed and its forces properly conserved. Whether this nation, richly freighted with the hopes of countless millions, shall be preserved, and shall continue to be a beacon-light to other lands, is a question that lies near the heart of intelligent Christian women, not only because their own elevation and happiness are closely connected with every movement for the evangelization of the world, but also and especially because every impulse of their nature is in the fullest sympathy with such a result.

Reports from Bureaus.

Report from Bureau for East Southern States.

As we review the work of the past year and note the vast amount of labor expended by our faithful Missionaries, and realize the wonderful amount of good that has been accomplished through these labors, we can but rejoice and give thanks to God who hath so wonderfully led us, and so kindly cared for this department of His work. The seed that has been sown is bearing abundant fruit. The people throughout Georgia and Florida, the States comprised in this Bureau, are realizing the great benefit which they are deriving through our Industrial Homes, and from different parts of these States come urgent pleas for the establishment of more Homes, both for white and for colored girls. From some localities strong inducements have been offered us if only we would *begin* the work. The time is not far distant when we must move forward, and in the name of the Lord do all that we can to help to take this great "Southland" for Him.

During the past year we have been doing all that we could to strengthen and develop the work in the three Homes which we already have.

Atlanta.

We sold to the Freedmen's Aid Society our little cottage for the sum of $500. We leased of them a tract of ground 200 by 300 feet for 99 years, renewable forever, for the consideration of $1.00, said tract being a part of the campus of Clark University. Thus we were enabled in August to give the contract for building the new Industrial Home. This building is fast approaching completion. It will cost $4,000, of which $1,000 is still to be provided for. This Home will accommodate 16 girls, and will be one of the most complete and convenient of our many Homes. During the year much was accomplished in the way of home training, as well as in the sewing and dress making departments, and also something in the line of Missionary, Sunday school, and Temperance work. The girls have been trained in this kind of work, and many of them have returned to their homes full of missionary spirit, and have been the means of accomplishing much good.

Haven Home.

Another good year's work has been done in Haven Industrial Home. The third story has been finished and furnished. We have not added to our numbers, as we still keep the number 36, but we are able to make the family more comfortable and have more room for our Industrial work. This we deem to be one of the most important departments of our work. Many of our girls are giving special attention to cutting, and fitting, and making the garments for the household. Next year a number of these girls will go out to begin life's conflict for themselves. We expect them to go thoroughly furnished, and ready to do valiant service for Christ and for humanity. They now go with our Missionaries and assist in holding services in cabins, in the hospital, and in the jails. They teach in Sabbath schools and conduct prayer meetings in the Home. Thus the influence of this Home is being felt all through the community. Some of the girls remain firm in their desire to go as Missionaries to Africa in order to try to lead their own people to Christ. Others will find their Africa nearer home and enough to do

therein. The school rooms are crowded, and while rapid progress is being made in the branches that are taught, many of the most important lessons taught are not found between the lids of books, but proceed from hearts warmed by the love of Christ, and filled with an intense desire to uplift and save those who are committed to their care. Through the scholars our Missionaries gain access to the homes, thus the parents are reached, the home life is improved, and one of the great objects of our Society is accomplished.

At Speedwell Mission the good work still goes on. Services are held regularly each Sabbath conducted by our Missionaries. During a part of the year they also conducted a day and sewing school, which were the means of doing much good. Recently a bell has been placed in the cupola of the little white chapel, and now the people rejoice in being able to know when the hour for service arrives; and from every quarter they come through the woods and across fields eager to receive the instruction which is so gladly given to them.

Boylan Home.

The past year has been one of marked success in Boylan Home. The work has developed in a remarkable manner. The generous gift of another thousand dollars by our faithful patron, Mrs. DeGroot, enabled us to enlarge our building and to adapt it to the needs of the work. Last year we could accommodate but ten girls, now we have twenty-one, and a large list of applicants, whose parents urge us to take them and thus save them from the lives that their older children are leading. Are girls of ten and twelve years too young to begin with this training, when it is not uncommon for many to become mothers at 13 and 14? It is hard for us of the North to realize the state of things in the South. We have some girls whose ages range from 17 to 19, but the majority are from 13 to 15 years old. The ten that were in the Home last year made remarkable improvement. Some of these girls had never sat down to a table until they entered the Home, nor did they know the use of a knife and fork. So rapid has been their improvement that they have become quite skillful little housekeepers. Here, as in our other Homes, the work is divided, each one taking her part in its daily performance. The work is changed every month and thus each girl receives training in all of the departments of house work. Aside from this work, regular lessons are given in kitchen-garden work, and in cooking, to outside classes as well as to these Home girls. These lessons have created great interest, and have been of much benefit to the people. The sewing department has been made a special feature of the Home. Many of the girls are learning to cut and fit dresses, and even the youngest with but little showing and no help are able to make neat and tasteful dresses for themselves.

The girls of the Home are organized into a Mission Band, and they conduct their meetings in a systematic, business-like way. The training class for Missionaries, the Temperance and Mothers' Meetings continue to be great factors for good. The work in the suburbs of Jacksonville is full of interest. Several new points are urging their claims but it is impossible for our already overworked Missionaries to take up any new work. Were space allowed us, we would gladly say many things in regard to the work of our Missionaries, Miss Mitchell at Atlanta, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Baldwin and Miss Jolls at Haven Home, Miss Emerson and Mrs. Emerson at Boylan Home. They are a noble band of women. The work in each place is different and must be adapted to the needs of the people. This has been a year of peculiar trial to each of these Missionaries. There have been many difficulties to meet, many obstacles to overcome. Sickness, sorrow and death have entered our Homes, but the "Blessed Comforter" has been an abiding guest, and the precious promise "As thy days, so shalt thy strength be," has again and again been verified. And now as these noble women "For love of Christ and in His name" take up the labor of the new year, shall we not for the same blessed cause pledge ourselves anew to do all that we can to support this work which has been so signally blessed of God?

MRS. J. L. WHETSTONE, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau for Middle Southern States.

It is with a feeling of more than usual satisfaction that I present the report of the Bureau for the Middle Southern States to this meeting, because, by the direction of the Executive Board, it has recently been my privilege to visit the various places in these States where our work is located, and thus I am able to speak concerning them from personal observation.

Wherever I travelled in the sunny South, whether among the picturesque and sublime scenes of the hills and valleys of the Cumberland Range in Tennessee, or over the mountains and bottom lands of the Blue Ridge in North Carolina, or across the plains and pine lands of South Carolina, there were visible reminders that a condition of society exists largely unknown among us—a bondage of ignorance and superstition that still holds its victims fettered and enslaved though not with bands of iron and steel. As the train passed along by the fields of corn, tobacco, rice, and sugar cane, in which the men, women and children were gathering these various harvests, my heart was filled with thanksgiving that the sound of the overseer's lash is no longer heard in that land, that the tears and groans of despairing slaves have forever ceased, and that the scenes portrayed in the song of "Nellie Gray," which I used to sing in the long ago, can never be re-enacted. All hail the power of the National Government that broke the chains of the enslaved, and raised them up to be freedmen, and "All hail the power of Jesus' name" that by transforming grace can lift these freedmen up to be free men in Christ; and thanks be unto God that to us, women of the Home Missionary Society, has been given the privilege to be co-workers with Him in bringing these "strangers and foreigners—aliens from the commonwealth of Israel," to be "fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

I propose to present a view of the work that has been done the past year, and also to lay before you new needs that have arisen in the development of the work.

Orangeburg, S. C.

At Simpson Home a family of twelve girls has been sustained during the year. Some of these have been able to help themselves in whole or in part, and the others have been supported from the beneficiary fund. The amount of beneficiary money contributed for Simpson Home should be increased the coming year, that the needs of the Home may be adequately met. I also suggest and urge that hereafter all supplies sent to our *Homes already furnished* in the line of carpeting, bedding, linen, towelling and clothing, be of the *unmade* materials, that the girls in the sewing classes may be supplied with materials for sewing; and that they may be taught how to fit, cut and make everything needed in these lines of house-keeping, both for their own personal benefit in the future, and that the stock of supplies in the Home may be replenished from time to time, in order to meet the necessary drafts that must be made upon it to replace the wear and tear of constant use.

The location of this Home is pleasant, and the building is conspicuous and attractive. All the rooms have been named by donors, and the plates with the names engraved are now ready to be put in their proper places. In some minor matters the building was not quite finished. I requested Dr. Dunton to have this matter attended to at once, and sent a list of the needs to the Chairman of the Committee having this work in charge. Owing to the sandy character of the soil, grass does not grow without fertilizers and irrigation in the region of Orangeburg, and hence there are no grassy lawns unless made at large expense. Trees, however, grow well, but the lot on which the Home stands has no shade trees growing. These are greatly needed both for shade and ornamentation. My attention was called to a species of trees that grows rapidly in that climate, and becomes large and spreading like the Elm. I have asked a special appropriation for planting trees, and for building necessary out-buildings.

At the close of the school year Miss Purdum, the Superintendent of the Home for the past two years, was married to Rev. Dr. Webster, with whom she

hoped to have enlarged opportunities for religious work among the colored people. But in less than two months Dr. Webster sickened and died, and Mrs. Webster returned to her former home in Ohio. Miss Mary L. Santley, a lady who has had large experience in educational and Missionary work in the South, has recently been elected Superintendent of Simpson Home. She is present at this meeting *en route* for Orangeburg, and I am sure you will be glad to meet her and give her a cordial greeting and God-speed in her work.

I regret to state that we have not been able to make satisfactory arrangements concerning the land, and have not yet obtained a title to it. The necessary out-buildings, woodshed, laundry, cowshed, etc., have not been built owing to questions of location, and hence the Home has not been dedicated, as it cannot be till all these things are done. We hope that arrangements will soon be made by which we shall reach a satisfactory adjustment of this matter which has so long been unsettled.

Greensboro, N. C.

Kent Home, at Greensboro, has been finished throughout with neatness and taste. It was dedicated last Spring with appropriate services at a time when a large convention was held in the town, and many visitors from abroad were present. Rev. Dr. Sawyer, of Troy, N. Y., made the address. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Simpson and Mrs. Kent were present, and added much interest to the occasion. The situation of the Home is well chosen. It is painted brown and is quite imposing in appearance. It contains 17 rooms, each of which has been named by the donors. Over the door of each room there is a small white porcelain plate on which is printed in black letters the name of the room. Eleven girls have been sustained in the Home during portions of the year, and have been most carefully taught and trained in domestic duties by the efficient matron, Mrs. Snow. The girls in our Home have exerted an influence for good over those in the Seminary. Six of the girls who had been in the Home the past year taught school during the summer, two are working as nurse girls, one is soon to marry a prosperous colored man in Greensboro, and one served Mrs. Steele as housekeeper at Cottage City during the vacation, and thus earned the means to pay her expenses at the Seminary during this coming year. She does good work at Greensboro as teacher in the Sunday school, as leader of class and temperance meetings, etc.

Rose bushes and flowers were cultivated in the grounds with moderate success. Shade trees are also much needed there. The hot and dry summers parch and kill out the lawn grasses, but cause a very rapid growth of weeds, and a kind of wire grass covers the soil, thus giving an appearance of greenness. The water supply of the town is from wells, hence the impossibility of irrigation. This fact, together with the large expense of fertilizers, renders the problem of grassy lawns a doubtful one.

The ladies of Troy Conference have been very generous in sending supplies for the furnishing and equipment of the Home, and a good stock is now on hand. I am glad for this, as these active and energetic ladies will now be more at liberty to assist in furnishing supplies for other points where our work is just begun, or about to commence, and where help is greatly needed; and I trust their zeal in this direction will not abate.

Charleston, S. C.

Last January the Society sent Miss Betts to Charleston, S. C., to begin Missionary work in that city. The work she has inaugurated is one full of promise. She has established sewing schools in connection with each of the three colored Churches there, which meet weekly, where she instructs large numbers in sewing, and is assisted by the members of the Churches, whom she inspires to engage in this work. In these schools religious and moral instruction is given, and all gossiping and trifling conversation is strictly forbidden. She has taken charge of some struggling Sunday schools in the outlying destitute sections of the city, and has made them strong and efficient by furnishing the instruction and helps neces-

sary to interest and benefit those attending. One of these schools she superintends each Sunday morning, and the other, in a different locality, in the afternoon. In this latter place she found at first, two small schools held in rooms very damp and injurious to health. She obtained a large comfortable room in which she united the two schools in one, greatly to their advantage, and succeeded in getting the people to pay the rent of the room, thus relieving the Society, and at the same time educating them in the lines of systematic, benevolent giving, and self-sustaining Church work. This is a point that our Missionaries should carefully guard in all their benevolent gifts to the poor people among whom they labor, viz: not to distribute aid so as to encourage indolence or beggary, but rather, so as to inspire and enable those receiving it to make efforts to help themselves in ways that they had not been able to do before. Miss Betts finds great destitution and even heathenism in some of the crowded sections where the colored people live in poverty and filth. Here as a Sister of Mercy she goes, clothes the naked, supplies the needs of the sick, gives instruction in nursing, reproves the idle, and from these places she sends, in some cases, whole families to Sunday school and Church, who for want of decent clothing had previously been unable to attend. Her need for supplies to meet these wants, and also for the sewing schools, is great and should be fully met.

There is also a great need for a Missionary among the poor white people in and about Charleston, who, in many instances, have not had the advantages and help that the colored people have had, and are in a very neglected and needy condition. I have asked, and the Committee has recommended, that another Missionary be sent to Charleston for work among the white people. You are aware that we have no Mission work among the poor whites of the South, and that there is urgent need for it. Many members and friends of the Society have been very desirous that such work should be begun, and have expressed a wish to contribute money to support it. Quite a sum is already in the treasury given expressly for white work. We wish to rent a house as a home for these Missionaries, where they can make themselves comfortable and possibly take some poor, homeless girls who can be taught to work, and have the privileges of a Christian home while they are learning. This house should also have a large room in which the poor whites can assemble for sewing, Sunday school, and religious meetings, as the Missionary shall desire. This is the more necessary as there is no church building in Charleston for white people belonging to our Church. Here now is the opportunity for beginning our work among this neglected people —a people that have no social standing, despised alike by the better class of white and colored people. Let us furnish our Missionary pioneer in this work with all needful supplies, and ask daily God's blessing upon her labors.

Camden, S. C.

During the year the ladies of the New England Southern Conference have been actively engaged in gathering funds for building the Home at Camden. They wisely decided not to begin the building until they had the money in hand, or nearly so, to complete it. This has now been accomplished. The plans and specifications have been approved, and the work will go forward as rapidly as the season will permit. As the building had not been commenced when I was in the South I did not judge it best to visit Camden, but I had the pleasure of meeting several people who were acquainted with the place and its needs, from whom I learned that the colored people in all the surrounding country were deeply interested in the work, and were anxiously awaiting the completion of the Home, in order to avail themselves of its advantages. The former labors of Mrs. Mather in her school at that place have borne fruit, and her memory is cherished with gratitude and love.

Morristown, Tenn.

For several years, as you know, the appropriation has been made *conditionally* for an Industrial Home at Morristown, Tenn. Rev. J. S. Hill, President of

the Seminary at that place, which is aided by the Freedmen's Aid Society, has proffered to give to our Society an acre or more of ground, if it will erect thereon an Industrial Home. The ladies of the New Jersey Conference pledged to give all their special fund for this purpose this year, and the Conference Secretaries of several other Conferences promised to ask their auxiliaries to assist in this work. Altogether some six hundred dollars have been raised or conditionally pledged for this purpose up to this time. The need for help here is urgent. In addition to the local patronage from the town, pupils come to this school from portions of the four surrounding States—upper Tennessee, southern Kentucky, West Virginia, and western North Carolina, and it is the only school for advanced colored pupils in all that section. Between 200 and 300 students of all ages gather here and toil up the hill of science in over-crowded and poorly furnished school-rooms, a goodly number of whom are girls and young women eager for improvement. Never was a better opportunity afforded for industrial teaching than is found here. President Hill said that if we would send an Industrial teacher there this year (thus anticipating the work of the Home,) he would arrange that she should have her daily classes in sewing and industry meet in the large dining room of the Boarding Hall, and her entire time would be occupied in this work, so large were the numbers desiring to learn, and so great was the need. I have asked for an appropriation to send an Industrial Teacher to Morristown, and feel that she can do greatly needed Missionary work both in the school and also in the homes of the poor people in the town. Boxes of supplies will be wanted to meet a large demand. I most earnestly urge that the Society assume the $2,000 needed for the Industrial Home, and that the sum be so divided among the Conferences that it will surely be raised this year.

John's Island, S. C.

Lying in the Atlantic ocean, about 16 miles from Charleston, is John's Island, where a population of several thousand colored people are found. Sometimes the State schools for colored people, usually taught by inexperienced teachers, are continued two months in the year; sometimes they are not opened at all. The destitution, ignorance, and superstition of these people are very great. A minister said to me "I was Presiding Elder on that district four years, and I am sure that this side of Africa there is not a darker spot." The pastor of our Church on that Island had written me, earnestly begging that our Society would send a Missionary to help him in his work in the same way as Miss Betts was doing in Charleston. I am satisfied that there is no place that needs the help, which our Society can give, more than that Island, and I recommend that a mission be opened there. As the place is somewhat unhealthful for white people, I think it not wise to send a white Missionary to reside there, but have sought to find a competent colored woman, who under the direction of Miss Betts can teach an Industrial School and do Missionary work among the neglected people. As they are so very poor, their needs are great, and extra supplies in the way of clothing and sewing materials will be in constant demand.

Sumter, S. C.

During the year I had been importuned by correspondence to consider Sumter, S. C., with reference to establishing an Industrial School there. While at Orangeburg, I met several people from that place who were very sanguine in the opinion that such a work, as is contemplated at Camden, is greatly needed at Sumter and would do vast good there. Among those whom I met was the Presiding Elder, whom I asked if the people at Sumter were not able to help themselves in this respect. He thought they were able; and mindful of the resolution lately passed by the Executive Board, that hereafter we would put less money into buildings, and more into the actual Missionary work, I said to him that if the people of Sumter would furnish the building and bear the expense of it, I would ask the Society to furnish and support the Industrial Teacher, or Missionary. He thought those terms could be met, and promised to see what

he could accomplish towards that end. I have asked for an appropriation to pay the salary of an Industrial Teacher at that place, provided the house is made ready for the work by the people there.

Asheville, N. C.

Asheville, N. C., has already become noted as a health resort for people both from the North and the South. Its mild climate in winter and its coolness in summer have contributed to make it the Saratoga of the South. Already northern enterprise and money have stirred the latent southern energy there, and the place is now rapidly increasing in size, and many new buildings are in process of erection. The town has a most romantic and picturesque situation among the mountains of western North Carolina, from which most charming views of river, vale, hills and mountains are obtained in almost every direction the eye can turn. On one side of the town at the base of the hills flows the rapid everchanging French Broad river, and on the other the sparkling bright Swannanoa. Embowered among beautiful forest trees on the rolling uplands and hills are many tasteful and substantial residences; and perched upon the hill sides and nestled in the valleys, are the cottages and cabins of the poor and lowly.

Last spring, Rev. L. M. Pease, of Asheville, proffered to give to our Society a school property consisting of a large town-lot, on which is a substantial school building, two stories in height, containing four rooms well ventilated and lighted, three of the four rooms being supplied with good plain seats and desks. On this lot is also a small dwelling house containing two fair-sized rooms, a small kitchen and dining room, and two chambers. In the rear of the house is the well, and back of that a small two-roomed cabin. The lot in front of the cabin is level to the street, but behind, it gradually slopes to a ravine or low portion of ground. The entire property was valued at $5,000.

The conditions of the gift were that a graded Industrial School should be sustained there for the colored people, in which they should receive instruction in the common English branches of study; and in addition that special attention should be given to religious and industrial training. The matter was fully considered by the Executive Board, and the gift was accepted. It involved a *new departure* in the line of school work, but a valuable property came to us free of cost, and an opportunity was opened to begin our special lines of work, at a very important point, from which we can reach a large colored population. In the near future we hope to build an addition to the present dwelling and make an Industrial Home where the girls can be thoroughly taught in all the departments of housekeeping and domestic economy. Mr. Pease has already pledged $100 toward the new Home, and says "my hope for the school was, and is, a fitting education for all the probable life work of the future." Owing to the fact that necessary improvements and repairs were required to be made on the property, and that a new order of school work was to be inaugurated, it became evident to those on the ground who understood the work and the relative conditions, (and it was emphatically urged by Mr. Pease), that for the first year a man, who was also a minister, was needed to organize and superintend the work, and help to provide for the establishment of a Church as a sustaining agency for the school. By what seemed a providential arrangement we were able to secure the services of Rev. N. S. Albright, of the North Ohio Conference, who, on account of failing health, had spent the greater portion of last year in Asheville, and had made himself acquainted with the condition of the people, and of the work there, and also had won the respect and love of many leading citizens of that place. His physicians at Asheville urged him to remain there another year for the complete restoration of his health. Bishop Mallalieu and the members of his Conference advised him to accept the position, and thus we were able to put the school in charge of an excellent scholar, a Christian gentleman, an able preacher, and a warm friend of our Society. We have secured Miss Alice B. Dole as our Industrial Teacher, an experienced educator, a good seamstress, an earnest Christian who goes to the place with great enthusiasm, and gives proof of rare fitness for

the work. Supplies for furnishing the home for the Missionaries, and materials for the sewing classes will be needed, as well as wall maps, writing charts, and the necessary outfit in the school rooms for elementary instruction. No more important work has been undertaken by our Society than this Industrial School and Home at Asheville, and if rightly developed it will be a powerful factor in the industrial, moral and religious elevation of the colored people in North Carolina.

MRS. S. F. HOYT, *Secretary.*

Report from Bureau for West Southern States.

The same general conditions continue within the limits of this Bureau as were reported last year. It includes three States with an aggregate colored population of nearly 2,000,000. In two of them the Negroes are in the majority. Over 900,000, 77 per cent. of those above ten years of age, are illiterate. In this territory only thirteen towns contain more than two thousand inhabitants, and of these only four have above five thousand. The population is principally rural. A large proportion of the women habitually labor in the field. Among them the home hardly exists, and they have but little conception of it, and are almost entirely destitute of elevating and refining influences.

Speaking of prevailing conditions, the wife of a leading minister in a Southern Conference said: "Our members, as a general thing, are illiterate, and therefore unable to judge of the qualifications of the teachers. Many of the women competent to teach have not the moral qualifications. So of our auxiliaries. In many of the Churches throughout the country, there is not a woman who can read. It is the blind leading the blind." The country people need us most. We should plan our work to elevate them. They live in cabins where Missionaries could not conveniently teach, nor remain long enough to secure a controlling influence over them. The Church has its schools of higher grade centrally located here. These enjoy the confidence of the people, and exert a strong influence, attracting the most promising and enterprising young people from the rural districts. These pupils quickly acquire the rudiments of an education and return to their homes to serve as teachers among those who have never enjoyed the advantages of a school. The Industrial department of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, sustained in connection with these schools, furnishes the practical and moral training that is needed to supplement the teaching of the schools. In the general report, we noticed the fact, that the schools established by the Freedmen's Aid Society have placed industrial training in their courses of study.

Arkansas.

The Adeline Smith Industrial Home is located near the Philander Smith College at Little Rock. The house hitherto occupied, arranged to accommodate 9 or 10 girls, has been crowded during the year with from 14 to 16, which furnishes a pleasant tribute to the work and management of the Superintendent, Miss E. McIntosh, who has won the confidence and respect of all. The Secretary of the Bureau has received invaluable assistance in the selection of the site and in perfecting plans for the new building, from the Committee of the Rock River Conference, which has special charge of this branch of work. Great difficulty was experienced in securing the site in consequence of the unwillingness of the people to favor colored schools. The lot finally purchased is very desirably located, adjoining the campus of the College, is on a commanding elevation overlooking the city, and is large enough to accommodate all the buildings required to insure success. The cost was $2,500, provided for except $500 by the appropriation of $2,000 made last year.

Although we paid high interest for a few months on the deferred payment, we are more than compensated by the fact that the property includes three buildings valued at over $300, which will be utilized for more than that amount in the prosecution of the work. The house is in process of erection, and will be ready for

occupancy in December. It will be well adapted to the work, will cost $4,000, and is the generous donation of Mrs. Adeline Smith, of Oak Park, Ills., who also contributed the Model Home hitherto used by the Society, and which she now transfers to the Freedmen's Aid Society, to serve as a residence for the President. The College is a memorial to her husband, Rev. Philander Smith. An assistant teacher has just entered upon the work here, and a promising future opens before us. The good influence of our Industrial Home already reaches every part of the Conference. The Woman's Home Missionary Society has been organized, and yearly contributions in money have been sent by the Little Rock Conference organization to the general Treasury. We ask the continuance of the appropriation in behalf of an Industrial Home, in connection with the Little Rock University. Much interest is developed in this work, and several Conference Societies are engaged in collecting funds for a Home for our needy white members in that section. The Church is poor and struggling for existence. Public schools are almost worthless in the country, and neither our ministers, nor the people, are able to educate their daughters properly.

Louisiana.

The Conference Society organized here is on mission ground, and therefore under the care of the Bureau including its territory. The same general missionary and school work, has been sustained as last year. In addition an interesting Mission has been commenced among the French people, already noted in the report of the Corresponding Secretary. The fact that this is the language of fully half the population of New Orleans, more than 125,000 people, and of large sections of the surrounding country, gives importance to this movement, which is emphasized by the consideration that the French population of the United States numbers over 2,000,000, and is rapidly increasing. The report of the Missionary gives this fact: "There are no Protestants among them. The Roman Catholic Church has lost all power over multitudes of them, * * * the men never go to Church." During the year, the French Mission was aided by our Society, through the labor of a Missionary, Mrs. Monett, who has rendered most valuable assistance.

Three hundred and fifty services have been held in the French language, 50,000 tracts distributed, 200 Testaments given away or sold, and 1,000 song charts printed. They use the "Cantiques Populaire," very popular in Paris and throughout France. The plans for the establishment of a school of Domestic Economy here have been given in general terms in the report of the Corresponding Secretary.

Mississippi.

At Holly Springs, the Industrial work has been enlarged and developed. The size of the grounds admits of the cultivation of flowers, fruits and vegetables, and the example of this work going on among the pupils is an inspiration to them when they return to their homes. The cabins throughout the country are destitute of almost every convenience; not a flower, nor shrub, nor bit of garden, nor appearance of comfort is to be seen upon the premises. A promising beginning for bee culture was made last year, and several of the young ladies in the school became greatly interested in it, and obtained considerable knowledge of the care of bees. An appropriation from the Slater Fund enabled us to provide excellent advantages in the sewing department; an experienced dressmaker was secured, and classes instructed in dressmaking and in millinery. Special instruction in cooking, and in the preparation of food for the sick, was also given, and rooms in a building on the grounds were provided with conveniences for classes in these industries. It is demonstrated that, since these branches have been introduced into the school, labor is much more respected, and the students have become greatly interested in industrial pursuits. It is not the intention to introduce what is termed "fancy cooking," but to teach the making of yeast, good bread, and simple deserts, the use of oatmeal, cracked wheat, and other inexpensive and healthful articles of food, the proper cooking of vegetables and meats, the prep-

aration of food for the sick, and to give suggestions of economy in the selecting and care of supplies.

A printing press at a cost of $200, and a full outfit of type was procured, and a class of girls has made good progress in this industry. A large constituency can be reached by our department, as we have no other important school in that State within 200 miles. The Model Home is crowded, and so anxious are parents that their daughters may profit by its advantages, that they make great sacrifices to send them to it and to the school. The Superintendent, Miss Johnson, wrote in September, "The house is already crowded, and applications enough to fill another house, from promising girls, have been received. Parents are unwilling to have their daughters leave home, unless they can have the protection and training of the Home." On our grounds there is a brick house of six rooms. The lower or basement rooms are devoted to the cooking department and stores, the upper rooms are adapted to the sewing department, but for want of room we are obliged to use them for lodging rooms for girls and for the second teacher, and to accommodate the sewing classes in an old building formerly used for slave quarters. An addition to the brick house that could be provided by a small appropriation is urgently needed, and would add greatly to the usefulness and influence of this department of work.

The appropriations requested for the year, as approved by the Board of Managers, are included in the report of the Finance Committee. During the winter, I visited various parts of the South, and the States embraced in this Bureau, namely; Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas. Careful study was made of the needs of the work already established, and the best means of developing and strengthening it. I carefully investigated the opportunities for establishing new work, and reported the results of this examination to the Executive Board. The visit was extended into Texas by request of the Secretary of the Bureau having charge of that field, and the results were communicated to the Bureau. The journey was made at an expense of $95, which was cheerfully donated to the Society.

MRS. R. S. RUST, *Secretary.*

Report from Bureau for Texas.

The Bureau for Texas includes but one State, and yet that State is so large that it comprises more territory than any other Bureau. It is thirty-three times larger than Massachusetts and has a population of 2,500,000, of which nearly 400,000 are colored and 20 per cent. are of foreign birth. Texas is said to offer to the farmer, stock raiser, wool grower, merchant, manufacturer and mechanic more inducements, advantages, and prospects of ultimate success than any other locality on the American continent. Rich in natural resources and possessing great business advantages it is still one vast mission field, and it is the hope and prayer of the Committee constituting this Bureau, that, as northern capital and northern enterprise have aroused the dormant life, and imparted to this great State renewed vigor and push, the Gospel of Christ may be carried there to purify the lives and elevate the homes of the people.

There are two Conferences in Texas with which our work is associated: the Texas and West Texas, both colored Conferences. The Freedmen's Aid Society has a large school, Wiley University, at Marshall, which is in the bounds of the Texas Conference, another at Houston, and another at Dallas, and one at Austin. Mrs. Richardson, Corresponding Secretary of the West Texas, and Mrs. Howells of the Texas Conference, have been doing good and efficient work in their respective Conferences. Last December, Mrs. Richardson formed a Conference Society, with Mrs. L. A. Westbrooks as President, and a Vice-President and Manager from each Presiding Elder's District. She has traveled quite extensively and organized several new auxiliaries during the year. She writes: "I can report only a fraction of the work I have done and am constantly doing, because my work is so irregular; a large amount of primary work must be done before such work as the ladies of the Executive Board call regular. In organizing

auxiliaries, much difficulty is experienced in finding suitable persons to take charge of them." She strongly urges the erection of an Industrial Home at Austin, and says, "I do not see any other way of reaching the vast number of wretched homes in this State."

Mrs. Howells has been travelling recently in the Texas Conference, which covers a large territory. She is full of energy and the spirit of consecration, and toils on year after year with the most indomitable perseverance, never growing discouraged, never lessening her pious zeal for the cause. She submits willingly to all kinds of privations that she may help others to a higher and better life. The Industrial Home for which she has been working is almost free from debt, and it is hoped that very soon this property will be transferred to our Society, and brought into the regular lines of work. This has been requested by the Executive Board, and we ask that, if it is done, an appropriation be made to carry it on during the coming year, subject to the order of the Board.

Mrs. L. A. Westbrooks, President of the Conference Society, has been teaching a Mission school in Waco during the past year. The school numbered forty nine. The record of her work, and especially the school that grew upon her hands, is conclusive evidence that she is an earnest, efficient worker in the Home field.

In the beginning of the year we had every reason to hope that by this time our Industrial Home at Marshall would be built and ready for occupancy this Fall. The need for such a Home is very pressing. Many bright and deserving girls are waiting patiently for the advantages which this Home will furnish. Mrs. Clifford, the wife of the former President of Wiley University wrote last winter, "We have now twenty-two boarders. The dormitory was built for only fourteen, and more are expected within a week. At the last Annual Meeting there was appropriated for the work in Texas two thousand dollars for a Model Home at Marshall; four hundred for furnishing, and three hundred for Conference work. It was understood that one thousand of the amount for the Home had been provided for, through the generous gift of Mrs. Ritter, (of the Central Ohio Conference). It has since been learned that Mrs. Ritter thought the work at Marshall was white work, and on learning the contrary, she prefers to have the money used for the building of a Home for the whites in Texas, if possible. This of course has rendered it impossible to do anything for Marshall up to the present time. The ladies of the Central Ohio Conference, who have taken this work, have raised several hundred dollars towards this project. Mrs. Clifford last Winter, by her own efforts, raised one hundred and thirty-two dollars, which she has in bank to aid the enterprise. In view of the fact that the money thus appropriated has not been asked for during the past year, and because of the great and pressing need for a Model Home at this point, we would respectfully ask that the appropriation be continued for the coming year, trusting that as it is the Lord's work the money will, in some way, be provided. Your Committee also ask that the $1,000 Ritter fund be held for white work in Texas, subject to the order of the Executive Board.

It is the earnest desire of the ladies of this Bureau that great things shall be accomplished for Texas during the coming year, and to aid them in this endeavor they would respectfully make the following requests:

1. That the money appropriated for the Home at Marshall last year, be re-appropriated for the coming year, ($2,000 for Home, and $400 for furnishing.)

2. That the $1,000 Ritter fund be held for white work in Texas, subject to the order of the Board.

3. That in case the Industrial Home at Harrisburg, now under the care of Mrs. Howells, be transferred to the Woman's Home Missionary Society together with the title of the land, as has been requested by the Executive Board, an appropriation be made by means of which it may be carried on during the coming year.

4. That the Austin Auxiliary be permitted to apply the money raised for a special fund, toward the building of an Industrial Home in Austin, remitting all moneys received for this purpose to the Treasurer in Cincinnati, to be held by her until needed for this purpose.

MRS. W. C. HERRON, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona.

These two great Territories are so large that there is space enough to spread in them the New England and Middle States, and yet leave room to tuck away Ohio besides. They have a wonderful history, and a hopeful future. Rich in the precious metals, and in grazing and agricultural facilities, they have been opened up within the last ten years by trunk lines of railroad. Now, American energy is pressing in upon those old Spanish lands, and it is high time. There is not an hour to spare. There are in them eighteen times as many Romanists as there are people of all other faiths counted together. If we do not push Evangelism resolutely, there will be in the South-west a group of Roman Catholic States tinctured with paganism, and Mormon polygamy.

Your Bureau is small, but each member is a lady of efficiency, rendering excellent service. Mrs. Clark, the former Secretary, is a wise counselor. Mrs. Fowler has been looking for Spanish-speaking ladies to send to the field. Mrs. Beveridge has gathered facts, from personal observation of the country and from study, for the aid of our outgoing Missionaries. Mrs. Teller, at the last session of the Colorado Conference, met the three Superintendents in charge of the general Missionary work of our Church in the two Territories: Harwood, of the Spanish, Thornton, of the English speaking work, and Adams, of Arizona. She secured information which has been most serviceable. The Bureau has reported for the action of the Board nothing upon which each member has not given her voice. This relieves the Secretary of responsibility, and increases the confidence of the Board in the management of the Bureau.

The Society has now three employes in New Mexico. Mrs. Maria B. Torres, wife of Rev. O. Torres, of Espanola, has been at work as a Bible Reader since June 1st, and she reports much work done and good accomplished. She is Spanish, and she reads the Bible in that language in Mexican families, talking with them about spiritual religion. Mrs. Annie Norton, and Miss Ida Brimmer have begun work in Albuquerque. Your Secretary met them when they passed through Chicago. They are ladies of pleasant address, fine culture, and deep piety. We trust we have been divinely guided in the selection of those who are to open our work, and lay its foundation.

Our Arizona correspondence proves plainly that we must begin our work in that Territory without further delay. From information given by Bishops, and others interested in the New Mexican Indians, we find that the time has come for establishing Missions among the Navajo, Zuni, and other tribes.

We respectfully recommend that two more ladies be sent to New Mexico; so that there may be two in the Spanish and two in the English speaking work; also, that two be sent to Arizona; and two others to the Navajo Indians or any other tribe in which there may be a Providential opening for work. If our ladies fail to find buildings that they can occupy for the present, it will be necessary for them to put up their Industrial School houses quite soon.

We would recommend an appropriation for a building in New Mexico, and also on the Navajo Reservation.

MRS. J. F. WILLING, *Secretary.*

Report from Bureau for Mormons.

As we again present our annual report, and recommendations for this important field, we would gratefully acknowledge the kind response to our requests at last Annual Meeting, which widened out at that time our work to almost double its former proportions. While believing that this enlargement was a necessity at that time, we have realized through the year that the new work has in some cases suffered from want of proper facilities and support. To strengthen and make more effective this general work, is now the most imperative need. We ask for no more enlargement, unless it be *conditional* on special work that has been fully provided for, and which will not interfere with regular lines.

Our present corps of workers in Utah are divided into *Missionaries* and *Teachers*. The work of the first is visiting from house to house, distributing tracts and religious literature, conducting Sunday schools, singing schools, and prayer services, assisting in every way the stated or visiting pastor, and teaching Industrial classes. There have been five of these on duty this last year. Miss Martha A. Locke, English speaking, and Mrs. Christopherson, Scandinavian, in Salt Lake City; Mrs. M. M. Skewes in Ogden, the devoted widow of a deceased Missionary; Miss Mary Walters in Provo, an important Mormon educational center; and Miss Eliza Saugstad, Evangelist or Missionary at large, with home at Mount Pleasant. Quite recently Mrs. Christopherson's health failed, and Miss Hoserud of Forest City, Iowa, was appointed, by the Executive Board, Scandinavian Missionary in her stead, and is now engaged actively at work in Salt Lake City. We ask your approval of this appointment. We are pained also to report the failure of Miss Walter's health. Hoping that rest and change might restore her health, she was released from duty and went to California in July. But it proved too late, and she has now returned to Lincoln, Nebraska, her former home, with but little hope of resuming the active work to which she had devoted herself. We ask prayer that the great Physician with His own tender-healing touch may restore the health of this Missionary, so valuable to our work in Utah. We commend the work, and recommend the re-appointment of Miss Martha A. Lock at Salt Lake City, whose long residence has given her large and valuable experience with this people, and whose devoted work is endorsed by both Superintendent and Missionaries on the ground. Also that of Mrs. Skewes at Ogden, and Miss Saugstad, our indefatigable Missionary at large.

The teachers this last year numbered seven, five of whom were newly appointed last Annual Meeting. These are located in different Mormon centers in the Territory, where school houses have been provided either by our Society or the Church Extension Society. These teach ten months in the year, and are paid monthly as Missionaries $40.00. These teachers, though ostensibly engaged in educational work, are at the same time doing the most valuable kind of Missionary work. Not until March (with one exception) were these five new teachers regularly installed in their work. Their names and fields of labor are: Misses Wilma Burton, at Grantsville; Bessie Helgeson, at Spanish Fork; Sophia Peterson at Richfield; Ellenor Nelson, at Elsinore; and Emma Thorson, at Ephraim. A careful study of the work rendered by these devoted women, from results as we have been able to gather them, makes us feel that their appointment was of divine direction, and that our work is being made a prayerful, careful study while carried on by them. Miss Mary Helgeson, who took charge of the school at Mt. Pleasant the first of September, is also proving herself most effective in Missionary work along with her school duties. We recommend that these all be continued this coming year. As Mrs. Beauman had resigned her place as teacher at Maroni, and our Society had no one to immediately fill it, that the work might not suffer loss by delay, the late Conference appointed temporarily Miss Mary Iverson, a most devoted Scandinavian worker on the ground. Her testimonials will soon be in the hands of the examining Committee, and if satisfactory, I recommend her regular appointment.

In view of the greater expense of living in this Territory, the ever inhospitable air that surrounds the Missionaries and teachers, and the positive lack of welcome that is shown them, sometimes becoming actual persecutions on the part of the Priesthood, the fullest equipment adequate to our means as a Society should be given these devoted women. To this end we asked and were granted last Annual Meeting an incidental fee of fifteen dollars a month to each of our Missionaries at Salt Lake City, and ten dollars each to the three on duty in more rural districts. We have realized through the year that our teachers and Missionaries have suffered from lack of appliances necessary in school rooms, etc., and now for this purpose and for the better strengthening of our work generally we ask that the aggregate of the extra sum allowed these Missionaries last year be lessened somewhat, giving the two Missionaries at Salt Lake ten dollars extra

a month, and the two outside, five dollars, and thus divert part of this sum into an incidental fund of $500 for the more general strengthening of the work. This, with the $5.00 provided in the Constitution for postage to each of our Missionaries, amounting in all to $55, will complete all of actual appropriations we will ask for.

Of the $2,100 appropriated for three Lucy Hayes school buildings last year no part was drawn from the Treasury, owing to failure of auxiliaries and parties anticipating this work, to supply the needed funds. As money for two of these is fast being gathered, and the request comes that it be made possible, if enough is secured, to build them this coming year, we ask a re-appropriation of $1,400 for these on condition that money sufficient be raised. Another *conditional* appropriation we also ask of $3,500, to be used by the Philadelphia Conference ladies who desire to take up special work at Logan, Utah, and build there a Home suitable to the wants of that important center. Part of this amount is already in the Treasury.

Recently I was called to use the discretionary power granted, I believe, in all *extreme* cases to Secretaries of Bureaus. Word came from our Missionary in Maroni that she had finally failed, so great was the Mormon prejudice, to secure a permanent place to board. She had at last found an empty room and was possessed of only one blanket, with cold weather near, and could not even get bread baked, but had to have it with all other things brought from Mt. Pleasant. As if providential, this letter was followed next day by one from Iowa, from friends of Miss Iverson, who had heard of the needs of this case, asking the privilege of helping her to what would make her comfortable. As this was a case of emergency that could not wait for your Board to act on, and as this line of work had not been appropriated for in our Utah work—the furnishing of rooms—I used my discretionary power, gave them authority, and urged their immediate response to this call. I hope this Board will approve my action in this special case.

As the $6,000 invested in Davis Hall, Salt Lake City, was given in trust to this Society to be used *by it* for Utah's redemption, we believe the time has come when it can and should be utilized by us for the purpose for which it was entrusted to us. To this end we recommend that a strong committee be appointed to consider the advisability of converting this into an Educational and Industrial Home, to be put in operation as early as next September. Request comes for a transfer of the Mt. Pleasant Chapel, of which our Society holds a deed, to a local Board of seven Trustees now on the ground. This Board is in every way trustworthy, not only bearing all the current expenses of this Church, but is now engaged in improvements and repairs that will cost some two hundred dollars. This transfer we believe will be wise, as it is not our policy to build or own church property; while again it will please and stimulate these people to increased activity and self-support. We earnestly ask your endorsement of this transfer as soon as a satisfactory statement can be had of the conditions on which it can be made.

Miss Lizzie McCoard, our Beneficiary from Provo, Utah, preparing to go back as missionary to that people, has been in attendance at our school in Delaware, O., this last year. By her sweet Christian graces, and devotion to this careful preparation for her life work, she has won everywhere the hearts of both teachers and people. We are sorry to report her as far from well, with indications of having applied herself too closely to study.

You will pardon the closing thought that notwithstanding the now threatened danger of the admission of Utah as a State, the signs of the times are most hopeful. The majority report of the Utah Commission just made to the Secretary of the Interior will have weight, as it pronounces most emphatically against the wrong of this admission. This report, too, gives a most favorable view of the working and effects of the Edmunds' law in this Territory, and commends the activity of the officers in its enforcement. And so with Federal rule established, now making honorable the law too long defied, and Christianity dotting each

vale and hilltop with its Churches, while its Mission schools are working away faithfully all along the foundation lines of Society, we cannot hold back our enthusiastic "God speed" to this work of your Society, and indulge the hope that "Utah's redemption draweth nigh."

MRS. S. W. THOMSON, *Secretary.*

Report from Bureau for Indians.

The number of Indian tribes destitute of schools and Missionaries is slowly decreasing. The Woman's Indian Association, the Indian Defence, and Indian Rights Associations, have succeeded in arousing public attention, and awakening a sentiment which has resulted in the multiplication of both schools and missions. There are five government schools, East and West, besides the Ramona school at Santa Fe, which is a memorial of Mrs. H. H. Jackson, and partly supported by the government. There are also schools on the reservation at the Agencies, but in many instances these scarcely deserve the name. Notwithstanding these efforts very few tribes are properly cared for, while many are nearly destitute, and others entirely so. The wealth of the government, the numbers and wealth of the Church, render the condition of the helpless wards, long dwelling among us, an astonishing spectacle. The converted Indians themselves express astonishment, often with tears and lamentations, at the neglect of the pale faces to tell their people of Christ.

The Indian Bureau of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has sought, during the past year, not only to strengthen, but to extend the work already begun among our Indians. The Mission at Pawnee has prospered. In September, Rev. James Murrey, Superintendent of Missions in Indian Territory, organized a Church there of 29 members, including several chiefs, who intelligently partook of the Lord's Supper, and gave good testimony of conversion in a love feast held on the occasion of the organization. This tribe had missionaries among them while in their native northern forests, and when their number was twelve times greater than it now is. Referring to this and other feeble efforts among them, a government officer urges us to "pursue no halting policy" in our missionary efforts for them. The reports of our faithful Missionary, corroborated by those of Agency and Church officials, encourage us to believe that satisfactory work is being done among these unfortunate people. Instead of taking up the Osages, where another Board proposed labor, we accepted the Ponca and Otoe Mission, from the ladies of Brooklyn, a Mission undertaken by the Rev. H. W. Beecher's Church, at the instance of Mrs. A. S. Quinton, and after a powerful appeal by that now departed minister. This Mission was founded by the Ladies' Indian Association, who had employed a missionary there for several years, whose quiet labor is well reported by Government officers. This Mission has been assigned to the care of the Troy Conference Society. The Otoes are now cared for by Mrs. Santley, of the North Ohio Conference.

The Pawnees during the past year have been in the hands of the ladies of the Philadelphia Conference. Mission houses are planned for these stations, which are to be not only a home for the Missionary, but a place for Missionary work, each having a large room for that purpose. We hope to have both these houses erected, and the Missionary located in them before Spring. The only delay is in the slowness of the Indian Officer to grant a site for the buildings. They would have been built ere now were it not for this hindrance. Mrs. Gaddis, after two laborious and successful years at Pawnee, has returned East for a visit. The Misses Wilson and Beard, of Chicago Training-school, have gone to occupy her place at Pawnee, Ponca and Otoe. Only those who know the circumstances incident to Indian missions can estimate the heroism of these young ladies, and that of our Missionary, who has established the mission.

Appropriations were made last year for Montana and Washington Territory, but owing to the peculiar difficulties attending Indian work, nothing has yet

been done in those localities beyond the sending of supplies. The utmost effort and wisest planning of the Secretary of the North-western Division have failed to secure what was hoped for, but another year will undoubtedly find her persistent and successful. Mrs. Lyon, Secretary of the Montana Division, and now Chairman of the Ponca Committee, reports from Montana, as follows:

"Quite early in the year that is just closing, attention in Troy Conference was directed to the extremely sad condition of the tribes in Montana Territory. It was determined to establish Missionary work among them, to train the squaws and children in Industrial and sewing schools and in all domestic arts, and to teach to these tribes the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Correspondence was accordingly opened with Superintendents of Missions, Chaplains of Posts, Indian Agents, etc., all of whom expressed very great satisfaction in learning that the *women* had become interested in the poor Indians, and promised to do all in their power to help, but regretted that at present there was no safe point which could be recommended for the work. After a few months it became evident that the doors of Montana were courteously, but surely closed to our Missionary labor. Hope for these neglected tribes is not, however, abandoned. Patient waiting for the coveted opportunity, and earnest prayer to the Lord of Hosts will in His own time be rewarded."

The funds appropriated to work which could not be undertaken were transferred by the Executive Board to the Navajos of New Mexico and Arizona. Through the aid and courtesy of Rev. Dr. Ladd, President of New Mexico University, of which the Ramona Indian school is a part, this powerful and wealthy tribe of Indians has been brought within reach of our Indian Bureau. President Ladd has obtained for us from the Secretary of the Interior an order for an area of land not to exceed eighty acres, upon which to erect Mission buildings, and for Mission purposes. No titles can be given for land on Indian Reservations, but we hold it securely so long as it is "used for Mission purposes only." These Indians have been transferred, by consent of the Indian Bureau, to the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona, within whose bounds they dwell. They are noted for their skill in manufactures, for their wealth in sheep, horses, and ponies, and for their physical vigor; and here we probably have our most promising Indian field. Christianity may find in this wholly heathen tribe a very "worldly minded" one, less friendly to its teachings than those more fierce and warlike ones who will fight to extermination for an idea. They love wealth, and wish for peace that they may pursue its acquisition. They have endured many encroachments from the whites peacefully, but now having become alarmed for their possessions, they will soon resent and begin reprisals, unless Missionaries and the government interpose. We are happy to say that interest in our Indian work is increasing in the Society. It is difficult for women Missionaries to go among these tribes without the help and protection of men sent from the parent Board; and could we have this aid and protection, the zeal of the Society would, no doubt, rise to the support of work in every destitute tribe. We appeal to the parent Board to consider the interests of the Indians. Justice in behalf of centuries of wrong, common sense as a financial measure, and patriotism, since Indian missions are fountains of civilization on our frontiers, appeal to our brethren to ignore no longer the haunts of heathenism, made worse by the vices of wicked adventurers, which darken so much of our Christian land.

Our principal thought in these Indian Missions is to establish the Sabbath first as a means for publishing the Gospel and remembering God; and also to insist upon Christian marriage. [Indians usually exchange ponies or some article of merchandise for their wives, and are generally polygamous, which fact greatly aids the Mormons in successfully propagating their doctrines among them.] The Bishop allows our Missionaries to adopt some Christian form of marriage in the absence of properly authorized clergy. To the teachings of these fundamental principles we add as secondary, industrial training of the women in sewing, house-keeping, and nursing the sick. We need skilled and

efficient women, women of experience, with hearts so devoted to the great cause as to feel no weariness or drawing back at the difficulty and disagreeableness of the work among degraded and savage heathen.

MRS. H. C. MCCABE, *Secretary.*

Report from Bureau for Alaska.

"The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul." The ladies of this Bureau, who for the last two years have been doing all in their power to open Mission work in Alaska, cannot as yet report their "desire accomplished." It is well that this Bureau is composed of women whose hearts are not easily made sick by "hope deferred." They are still possessing their souls in patience, with their eyes upon the light in the distance. Had it seemed possible to establish our work independently of government, as have some other sects, this long delay would not have been necessary. Individuals may be interested and *hastened*, not so the Government. Strong men and many women have failed, until recently, to induce the Government of these United States to do little more than glance at the condition and claims of the people of Alaska. In not a few instances what devoted Missionaries have done for the elevation of these people has been undone by the Government officials.

During the past year a Congressional Committee has visited Alaska; on the return of these men, they reported the imperative necessity of an increased appropriation for the ensuing year, which, doubtless will have more weight with the authorities at Washington than all the petitions they have received. Public attention has of late been attracted to Alaska as never before. Last summer there was not conveyance enough for more than a fraction of those desiring to see this "new country." It is said that the coming year additional steamers will be put upon the line to meet the increased demands of the public.

The fishery troubles of the East have directed the attention of those interested to the inexhaustible supply of fish in the waters in and around this neglected possession of ours. In one city alone a dozen or more fishing vessels are being constructed for use in the Alaskan waters. Rich gold and silver mines are being discovered in the mountain range, which extends the entire length of Alaska. By many these mountains are believed to be a continuation of the Rocky Mountains even to the extreme West of the Aleutian Islands, and that they are as rich in precious metals in the west as in the east portions. It is expected that these attractions will induce large numbers of men to go to Alaska as early in the Spring as they can get there. Probably some of these may be good citizens, possibly Christians, but if we may judge by precedents, a large majority will be of the class who will take along the liquor and gambling saloons, with all their attendant vices. This fact places upon us added and weighty responsibilities. The question we have to settle is: *Shall we let these emissaries of perdition precede the cross of Christ?*

Another matter to be considered is this: Dr. Jackson has selected the locality he considers the best in western Alaska for a Home and Industrial School, but he cannot hold it for us, as all land not already taken by others is free to whoever wants it. Evil eyes are upon our location and if we do not take possession in the early Spring we may lose it. Not far from this locality is the ISLAND OF UNGA (one of the Shumagin group,) where our dear Mrs. Carr did such efficient service for the Master in the few months she was permitted to remain there. Dear sisters, do you know that if Mrs. Carr could have had a home as comfortable as we provide for our animals, she possibly might have continued her work for years? On learning of the privations of Mr. and Mrs. Carr, it was considered an act of cruelty to send another lady before a comfortable home could be provided for her, but how to provide it was a hard question to answer. After long and careful thought, it was decided to adopt the plan so successfully used some years since to raise money for a special purpose, viz: to issue subscription books to obtain *fifty cent shares* in the *Home*, with the autograph of each

contributor, so far as practicable. These books were issued in April last; a good degree of enthusiasm has been manifested in the movement in many localities. The work has not progressed so rapidly as it would have done, had not ill health of the Secretary of the Bureau prevented correspondence. By the efforts of one lady, four books of 100 names each have been filled, and her efforts are still being put forth for more. Another, to whom a book was sent, replied at once, asking for a dozen more. It has been impossible to learn how much has been collected, as most of the books are still out. When this plan for raising the money was decided upon, it was also decided that the name should be the *Jesse Lee Memorial Home and Industrial School.* Why this name? Because the indomitable courage and perseverance of Jesse Lee, "the pioneer of Methodism to New England," planted Methodism in the extreme East of our land, it was thought eminently proper that his name should be placed on the first piece of Methodist property in the extreme West.

The outlook for success in the near future is brighter than at any previous time. Dr. Jackson wrote from Alaska as follows: "Bishop Fowler with his family were fellow passengers with me on the steamer. The Bishop manifested much interest and said he was in favor of sending a minister to be supported by the Missionary Society, and then several teachers to be supported by the Government. * * * Gold has been discovered on the Shumagin Islands and by another season, there may be a rush of miners to the Methodist section. This will secure more frequent communication with that section and of course increase its importance. * * * I am still a firm believer in the success of a "Home" in the locality selected, and hope God will prosper your effort for a 'Jesse Lee Memorial.'" A conversation was had with the now sainted Bishop Harris, when in New England last April, in regard to the Parent Society sending missionaries to Alaska the ensuing year. He manifested much interest in the subject and said, "you write it all out for me just before the meeting of the Missionary Committee and I will present it." Dr. Reid said that last year he did his best to have an appropriation for Mission work in Alaska. He will do the same this year. His influence, with the efforts of Bishop Fowler and others, who it is hoped will add their voices, we trust will induce the Committee to send Missionaries with Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Arms. If so, it will make their lives less lonely.

The ladies of this Bureau are fully conscious of the numerous and pressing calls "nearer home," of the greater attractions of work already successfully established, but they plead for these far-away people who have been neglected by the Government and entirely ignored by the Methodist church these twenty years that this vast Territory has been ours. Even the little band of Moravians have expended $15,000 in one year for Homes and school buildings alone. The great Methodist church has expended the magnificent sum of *thirty dollars*, for mission work done by the wife of a Government teacher, who gave her services to our Society and her life—a martyr to discomfort and lack of medical attendance. Where is the consecrated Medical woman who will go to Western Alaska as a Missionary? *Humanity and Christianity call aloud for such women!* "No knowledge of any medicine or medicinal herb" exists among the natives of Alaska. To speak the words we would as to the condition of the women of Alaska into the ears of our Christian women, is all that is needed to cause them to respond in person and with money.

The relation of one little incident may induce others to "*go and do likewise.*" Last winter, Dr. Jackson spoke several times in and near Boston, upon "Alaska and its needs." Two ladies came 25 miles to hear him. A few days later one of them wrote: "Since we heard Dr. Jackson, we have talked of nothing but Alaska. Mother, my sister, and I, have decided to give $20.00 each towards sending Mrs. Arms to Alaska. Our auxiliary has also voted $100.00 for the same purpose. How much more will it take to send her?" Isaiah 65:24. The lowest estimate which can be made for cost of a Home and Industrial School room is $5,000. For its furnishing, traveling expense of Mrs. Arms, and support of girls in the Home, $2,000 is the least we can calculate upon. The

former, to be raised by shares—the latter by donations. We greatly desire a gift of $500 (or more) for a little Missionary Home, or for Mission work at Unga in memory of *our first Missionary in Alaska*. Will not the women who have abundance, as well as those who have little, remember this "new work" with their means as "God hath blessed them?"

MRS. L. H. DAGGETT, *Secretary*.

Report from Bureau of Supplies.

One year ago, I received from your hands the Bureau of Mission Supplies. I had no idea of the magnitude of this work, nor of the methods for carrying it on. As soon as I could do so, I went to Cincinnati and spent several days with my predecessor, Mrs. Whetstone, to whom this Bureau is indebted for its existence. Here, working under her able supervision, I soon became initiated into the duties of the office. Returning to my own home, I then engaged in what has proved to be one of the busiest years of my life. During the year, I have learned much of the suffering in our beloved land, and much of the heroism with which this suffering has been endured. I have also learned of noble, generous hearts, whose love for God and their fellow men prompts them to seek these needy ones, manifesting their love for them by relieving their necessities.

Our work has been a labor of love mingled with some anxiety. As I have given the orders for this place and for that, I have asked the Father above to bless the *senders* of these gifts as well as the recipients. Have you not realized, as you sent your barrel, that it is indeed "more blessed to give than to receive?" We are sending to all parts of our West, North-west, and Southern fields. There has been a great demand for supplies in Nebraska, Kansas, Dakota, Minnesota and the South. Almost all of our societies prefer sending to the ministers on the frontier, either North or North-west. This fact is stated with considerable emphasis at times. It is well. But, dear sisters, we must remember one work in the South. Eternity alone can reveal unto us the good that has been accomplished through the instrumentality of our Industrial Homes. Just now these Homes need sewing school supplies, house furnishing goods, clothing, etc. I believe it is always in order to send to these. Yet at this time we do not seem inclined to get into order as quickly as the occasion requires.

There has been much suffering in Dakota and Minnesota from drought and failure of crops. During the past year we have sent a large number of barrels to these Conferences, and I do not know how some of the ministers could have lived through the Winter if we had not helped them. The same condition of affairs exists this year, and we shall again be obliged to assist in caring for these ministers. The Minnesota ladies worked with a will last year. This year they are better prepared for the work, still *we* must lend a helping hand. Mrs. Dr. Smith, President of the Minnesota Conference Society, writes: I wish you could have seen the ministers of our Conference, and heard them tell of the trials they had endured, the privations they had suffered; and how often the timely aid from our Society had comforted and encouraged them. This is a peculiar field; many Eastern people have come here, investing all they had in lands and crops—the latter often failures. These are cultured, well-bred people, who want and deserve the best talent possible to obtain. They divide with their pastor, but even then the salary is limited to two or three hundred dollars. The Congregationalist and Episcopalian Churches give as much again help, through their Missionary money and supplies, as our Church can afford, and yet, as the *Western World* says, "Our minister often takes the town." We of the East could better appreciate the situation if once we had felt the touch of a blizzard, and could realize that our ministers must face the storms in reaching two or three appointments twelve or fifteen miles apart, often thinly clad, poorly shod, and sometimes obliged to walk the weary way, not being able to own a horse. Comfortable people in the cities and towns say "they are foolish to remain there." But with them, as with us, "The love of Christ constraineth."

I have heard that great destitution exists in northern Michigan, but the ladies of the Conferences in that State assure me that they can care for their own and need no help; that they are meeting every demand. During the past year we have sent to our Missionaries in New Mexico many valuable barrels. These were greatly needed, and were the cause of rejoicing in many ministers' families. But perhaps in no portion of our country is the good we are doing through this department more apparent than in Utah, where such wretched conditions of life exist. Our Missionaries and teachers must at all times be well supplied with clothing suitable for men, women and children. With the blessed word of God in one hand, and warm clothing in the other, the Missionary is often enabled to win precious souls to embrace the religion of our Christ and to accept his sweet gospel of peace.

I have received from the various auxiliaries lists of supplies sent by them, the estimated value of which amounts to $32,600.74, an increase over last year of nearly $6,000 in value. I shall have ready in a few days a blank form of vouchers, which I shall fill and return to you for each list of supplies received. These vouchers are to be given to your respective pastors before they go to Conference, that they may present them to the Conference Treasurer, as authority for him to give credit in the Conference reports for the Missionary supplies sent out from the several Churches. Many of these have requested such recognition and it is their due, for in very many cases these supplies have been the means of retaining a minister in an important field where the allowance was altogether inadequate for his support. In one or two instances, I think, the supplies have been over-estimated, but to counterbalance this others have been under-valued, making a just average that may well cause our hearts to rejoice, and fill them with hopeful anticipations for the future. We have done well, my sisters. Your ready response to the many calls I have made upon you, and your fervent "God bless you, and give you wisdom for this grand work," have strangely touched me. I come to you to-day with gratitude and love, desiring to take each one of you by the hand, and into my heart. Your kindly help has been the fulfilling of the command, "Bear ye one another's burdens," and so may we all "fulfil the law of Christ."

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES

Forwarded from November 1, 1886, to October 20, 1887.

NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	Estimated value.	NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	Estimated value.
Baltimore	$ 212 80	New England	2,191 11
Central Illinois	5 00	New England Southern	631 80
Central New York	1,866 77	New Hampshire	357 59
Central Ohio	560 22	New Jersey	$ 429 27
Central Pennsylvania	342 92	New York	1,135 19
Cincinnati	1,380 42	New York East	271 46
Columbia River	102 83	Northern New York	293 07
Colorado	86 25	North Indiana	40 05
Detroit	1,750 26	North-west Indiana	159 25
East Ohio	1,118 37	North-west Kansas	67 00
Erie	905 43	North-west Iowa	73 15
Genesee	602 40	North Ohio	1,394 55
Illinois	119 64	Ohio	613 97
Indiana	36 31	Philadelphia	2,614 49
Iowa	118 28	Pittsburg	731 46
Kansas	263 45	Rock River	1,243 46
Kentucky	98 83	South-east Indiana	251 45
Maine	24 05	South-west Kansas	105 00
Michigan	592 50	Southern California	223 75
Minnesota	3,146 12	Troy	3,283 42
Nebraska	203 00	Upper Iowa	886 09
Newark	232 05	Vermont	610 29

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES—CONCLUDED.

NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	Estimated value.	NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	Estimated value.
Wilmington	143 36	Wyoming	837 62
Wisconsin	173 99		
West Wisconsin	71 00	Total	$32,600 74

MRS. MARY T. LODGE, *Secretary.*

Report from Bureau for Young People's Work.

So far 205 Circles and Bands have reported organization, but this is a small part of the entire number formed. During the past year but 715 Mother's Jewels have been enrolled in our paper.

The character and location of the Home to be built for children by children has not yet been determined, although a Committee now exists for that purpose. As yet but very few Conferences have a Superintendent of Juvenile Work, although that has been recommended as the surest means to secure perfected organization. We have a beginning of Literature for this Department: A half dozen leaflet publications; the "Praise of the Nation," an allegory written by Miss Alice House, of Cincinnati, with attractive cast of characters as an entertainment; and we have a sustained column in *Woman's Home Missions*, wherein may be found a variety of matter for readings and recitations. We are yet in the merest beginning, and hope to become strong for service in our Country's future.

MRS. W. A. INGHAM, *Secretary.*

Report from Bureau for Local Missionary Work.

While an increasing interest is everywhere expressed in City Missionary work, but comparatively little has as yet been done that can be formally reported. There are two reasons for this. First, our people have not seen clearly how to organize and carry it on as a department of Home Missionary work, owing to the difficulty of adapting any one plan to so varied circumstances as have to be met; and second, the pressure for funds for the general work has been so great that the auxiliaries have not felt justified in withholding money for local uses. What our auxiliaries now need is to understand how much can be done along these lines with a very small expenditure of money, and also that a little effort will always secure money for this purpose, which would not come into our treasury for any other. There are persons in every community who will contribute to a local effort, who are not interested in any other phase of benevolent work, and such persons may be welcomed to our body and entered upon our lists as contributors to the local fund. Further, our societies need to be instructed how to organize and carry on a mother's meeting and a cottage prayer-meeting, how most successfully to conduct a sewing-school, how to organize Bands of Hope, and Ten times One Bands; how to provide temporary lodgings for homeless women, and day nurseries for children, and so on, that by all available means some may be saved. I suggest these are matters of sufficient importance to be discussed in our paper, *Home Missions*, and that all who have successful experience in these directions, should be forward to give it for the benefit of those who have none.

Some things seem to be settled by the experience of two years. One is, that as a rule, local work must begin in the organized Churches, under the eye of the pastor, the results to be gathered for the increase and strength of these Churches; and from this parish work, it must reach out, if at all, into the uncared-for districts. Another is, that the General Executive Board cannot exer-

cise quite the same supervision in regard to the character and qualifications of Missionaries and visitors in these local fields, as can and should be exercised in Missions supported from funds drawn from the general Treasury. Persons who cannot meet all the requirements of the Candidates Committee, may, in these narrower fields and under immediate and constant supervision, do excellent service. Among some of our foreign populations it may be true that a man and woman can serve us better than two women can do. Again, it is not quite certain what field the local work includes. The assumption has been that the Local Bureau had the oversight of only such work as is supported and controlled by the auxiliaries, but, if this be so, there is one department of our work which is in no Bureau, and which therefore has no representative to this body or to the Executive Board, namely, the city work outside our Mission territory, which is supported by funds from the general Treasury. The question arises, should this, too, be included in the reports of the Bureau of Local Work.

There is every reason to feel encouraged by the growth of sentiment and conscience in regard to City Missionary effort. Wise people are coming to feel and to say that if we can save our large cities America is safe; and if America will hold her Christian faith in integrity, and show her faith by works of righteousness, she will be God's instrument for saving the world. If in God's providence all the nations are to be lighted by our sun, how great is the responsibility upon every instrumentality and organization in this country whose field is the strengthening and purification of the moral sentiments and Christian graces. The man who lowers the standard of faith or morals anywhere in this God-favored land by a hair's breadth, either by practice or teaching, becomes by so much an enemy of his country, and thereby the enemy of all the world and of the Lord Jesus himself, who will have all men to come to a knowledge of the truth; and on the other hand, we may lay it to our hearts, when we are weary and ready to faint from discouragements, that he who raises this standard by the least jot, either by deeper personal piety or by adding a new witness to Christ's power on earth to forgive sin, thereby renders the highest possible service to the country, and through it to all the nations of the earth. We may be assured that God has great plans for us in sending the representatives of all nations to our doors, that we may speak to them the word of healing. What the divine plan is doth not yet appear, but Dr. Schaff, in a recent article in the *Sunday School Times*, beautifully and suggestively says, "God has great surprises in store for his people. The Reformation is not the last word he has spoken. We may look and hope for something far better than Protestantism in any of its forms. And free America, where all the Churches are commingling and rivaling each other, may become the chief theater of such a re-union of Christendom as will preserve every truly Christian and valuable element in the various types which it has assumed in the course of ages."

Akron, East Ohio Conference, reports the expenditure of $169 in furnishing an organ and communion set for a colored Mission church and for the employment of a city Missionary. Mrs. Boswell, of the Newark Conference, reports a Missionary employed in Newark, who since early in March has visited 3,000 families, distributed 500 tracts per month in various languages, has a sewing class, a mothers' meeting and a cottage prayer meeting, each weekly. She reports 75 as having come into the Sunday-school, several as having signed the pledge, a man and wife as having been brought into the Church through the cottage prayer meeting, and two men as having died apparently converted, as the result of her visits to them. Many poor have been provided with comfortable second-hand clothing, and a good foundation has been laid for future work. There was also an Industrial School opened in Jersey City which had forty scholars, but which was discontinued during the hot weather, to be opened again this Autumn. Mrs. Simpson, of Troy Conference, sends a report of a beautiful work in Saratoga. The Missionary reports five cottage prayer meetings, held weekly in different localities, a mothers' weekly meeting for sewing, with which is mingled religious conversation and recitation of Scripture verses, to which is added, once a month, a comfortable tea. During the year forty children have been brought into the

Sunday-school, ten persons have professed faith in Christ, 40 woman's sewing meetings have been held, 1,060 tracts distributed, 50 books lent, 1,800 visits have been made, and $100 used for relief. This is a union Christian work to which the Methodists have contributed $102 this year. Mrs. Marsh, of Amsterdam, N. Y., also reports work, consisting of visits to, and care for, the sick and poor, and aid given to poor children to bring them to Sabbath-school. Fort Edward, N. Y., reports visits among the sick, destitute and afflicted, and assistance given in clothing and bedding. Michigan Conference reports an expenditure of $56.47, with the statement that much more has been done which has not been formally reported. Mrs. C. W. Bickley, of Philadelphia, reports the employment of a city Missionary, who has a room furnished to her for sewing classes, mothers' meetings, and so on. She visits from house to house, spending some of her time at the Emigrant depot, and distributes tracts, articles of clothing and delicacies for the sick, as she finds occasion.

Miss Newhall writes that Local Missionary work is being carried on in the cities of Chelsea, Charlestown and Lynn. In Chelsea the work has been visiting and caring for the poor and bringing them to Church and Sunday-school. The same kind of work is done in Charlestown. Lynn has built a Mission church at a cost of $800.

Mrs. Strong, of Columbia River Conference, writes that Walla Walla has expended $39 in care of the poor and sick, and that considerable Temperance work has been done.

Mrs. Richardson, of West Texas Conference, writes of a young girls' sewing class at Austin, and a good deal of Temperance work done in and about the city. She says "a great deal has been done in spreading Temperance sentiment, and, although we have lost the amendment, our work is not lost. The people are aroused, and will not sleep again till we have prohibition." She also reports a Mission school at Waco, by means of which several have been brought into Church and Sunday-school.

Mrs. Smith, of the Pittsburg Conference, reports $276.60 paid their Missionary in the coke regions and their Bible reader in Pittsburg. She reports nearly $100 additional paid for excellent Christian work, which is a little outside our lines of work. Mrs. Culver, of the Erie Conference, reports for Meadville auxiliary $48.72 spent in Local work. Mrs. Carhart, of New York East Conference, writes: "Six months ago the New York East Conference opened, after careful thought and prayerful planning, a work for factory girls in Brooklyn. In this city there are 100,000 working girls in factories and shops who, living mostly in tenements, have every avenue upward closed to them, and the temptations all dragging them downward. This Conference Society opened rooms in a factory neighborhood, with a library, a piano, and other attractions, where the girls are invited to spend their evenings instead of on the street, as heretofore. Here have been opened classes in dress-making, millinery, fancy work, and plain sewing, writing, music and elocution under competent teachers; weekly talks are given on important practical themes; a monthly entertainment is combined with the business meeting, in both of which the girls take a part, and are factors of our system. A competent Missionary is constantly employed visiting the homes of the girls, who also gathers the younger girls into a sewing-school weekly, and the mothers into a mothers' meeting, and in this way we not only reach these girls, but every member of these needy families. The work has been very successful and its influence is greatly felt in this neighborhood. What we need is five other such works in different parts of the city; and the ladies have it in mind to make in each of these a Model Home, into which we may gather the homeless of our girls, and which may also be an object lesson to the whole community. About $500 have been expended in this work."

In view of the needs of the work the Bureau of Local Missionary Work unanimously reports the following recommendations:

1. That each auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society appoint a committee on Local Work, whose duty shall be (unless parish visitation has already been provided for), in conference with the pastor and with the approval of

the official Board of the Church, to arrange for a thorough and frequent visitation of the parish, for the purpose of finding strangers, calling upon the sick, administering to the necessities of the poor, and extending Christian sympathy and fellowship to all, the end being to interest them in attendance upon Church and Sabbath-school services, and to develop a religious life.

2. That where the parish is large and thickly settled, as in large cities, one or more suitable persons be employed as pastors' assistants or Missionary visitors, who shall devote their time in whole or in part to visiting, teaching sewing-schools, conducting mothers' meetings, and engaging in such other Christian work as may be indicated by the auxiliary missionary committee and pastor.

3. That in the large cities, individual Churches or Church unions employ Missionary visitors, who shall go beyond the limits of Christian Protestant influence into the unkept part of God's vineyard, and establish religious centers of work and influence, such as Sabbath-schools, prayer circles, mothers' meetings, and industrial classes.

4. That in Churches and communities in which city mission work is already carried on outside the Woman's Home Missionary Society, our auxiliaries, instead of putting their money into a common fund, assume the responsibility of some special department of the work. By so doing, it will be possible for the funds of the auxiliaries to be administered by the officers of the society and according to its plans; and at the same time our societies can enter into active co-operation with other benevolent organizations.

5. That our auxiliaries be permitted to use for defraying the expenses of Local work, all moneys raised specially for the purpose, and, if it be necessary, one-half of all other moneys coming into their respective treasuries, exclusive of membership dues and funds contributed for special purposes other than Local work. But in no case shall membership dues and funds for special work, other than Local work, be used by the auxiliary for Local work.

6. We recommend that all funds used for Local work be reported quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, as other funds are reported; a formal statement of the Auxiliary Treasurer, as provided by a suitable blank, being accepted as a voucher in the stead of money.

7. That all Missionary candidates employed by local committees and paid from local funds, be subject to the same tests as other Missionaries, the committee on examination consisting of the Conference President and Corresponding Secretary, together with the President and Corresponding Secretary of the auxiliary employing the Missionary.

8. That each auxiliary report its Local work to the Conference Corresponding Secretary quarterly on the blank provided, and that the Conference Corresponding Secretary make quarterly reports to the Secretary of the Bureau of Local Work.

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

Reports of Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

Baltimore Conference.

This is the first time the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Baltimore Conference has had the pleasure of representation at the Annual Meeting. We were organized in February, 1886, by Mrs. Jennie F. Willing. For more than a year there was but one auxiliary, a union society, in Washington, D. C., composed of ladies of the different Churches. Realizing that if the work was to be successful, organizations must be formed in each Church, the union disbanded, and several auxiliaries have been the result.

At the last session of our Conference in Baltimore, Bishop Bowman kindly gave the Corresponding Secretary an opportunity to present the work to the Conference, he also speaking words of hearty indorsement. Two public meetings were held during the week in Mt. Vernon Place and Madison Avenue Churches, and much interest was manifested. The work was presented at the Camp-meetings the past Summer, and nearly 150 subscribers were obtained to *Home Missions*. We have recently addressed a circular letter to each pastor, requesting an opportunity to present the work and organize; a number have already responded favorably. We are hoping much for the future.

Auxiliary Societies	7	Life Members	4
Young Ladies' Circles	2	Honorary Manager	1
Annual Members	314	Subscribers to *Home Missions*	200

CLARA L. ROACH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Central New York Conference.

In Central New York Conference six new auxiliaries have been organized. The Union Auxiliary, comprising four Syracuse Churches, has disbanded, and each Church has organized separately. Two societies have been discontinued, leaving a net gain of seven. There are two District Associations. Three District meetings have been held during the year, which have been very profitable. We can now report:

Auxiliary Societies	29	Members	790
Mission Bands	5	Subscribers to *Home Missions*	294

MRS. C. E. MOGG, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Central Ohio Conference.

This Conference is constantly provoked to good works by the Missionary zeal of her sister Conferences. It is only by constant effort that she is able to keep marching step with her friends in the good work. While the present successes are always mingled with somewhat of defeat in that we never reach our ideal, we are happy to find the future always radiant with hope. Not as though we had yet attained, but we are pressing toward the mark. We are confident of better things to come in the Central Ohio Conference than we have yet attained.

Auxiliaries	42	Young Lady Members	108
Young Ladies' Circles	5	Children Members	120
Children's Bands	5	Life Members	25
Churches contributing without organizations	12	Honorary Managers	5
Annual Members	894	" Patrons	1

DELIA L. WILLIAMS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Central Pennsylvania Conference.

It is really comforting to remember that "Rome was not built in a day," when we see the vast amount of work to be done in our Conference, that the Woman's Home Missionary Society may have a merited and creditable showing, and realize at the same time that the work moves slowly forward to completion. The foundation is laid of precious stones, but the super-structure of work is far from being ready for the crowning "top-stone," which can only be laid with thanksgiving and joy when we have an auxiliary in every available charge in our Conference.

Some of our auxiliaries reported last year have become weary in well-doing, and yet, by judicious, skillful treatment, we believe they might be nursed back into life and health. Yet so long as we have such grand working and *model* auxiliaries as Grace and Ridge at Harrisburg, Mulberry at Williamsport, Chambersburg and Milton auxiliaries, just so long we shall, like Paul, "thank God and take courage." Our work was ably represented at our Annual Conference, held last March in Bellefonte, by Mrs. Newman, and the collection amounted to $137. She also spoke at Williamsport and Harrisburg with good effect, and all through the Conference there has been a general advance in sentiment as to the importance of Home Missionary work; and the majority of our ministers are ready, as soon as practicable, to open the doors for organization. We pray that "the Lord of the Harvest may send forth laborers into the harvest."

A report of our finances will be given by our Treasurer, which, considering the small number of our auxiliaries, is marvelous in our eyes! May the wonders increase.

MRS. C. N. OWEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Cincinnati Conference.

Discerning signs of promise, we looked forward a year ago with hope and confident expectation of a successful year for our Cincinnati Conference Home Missionary Society. Now, at its close, the question arises, what fruit have we of our labor of the past twelve months? And it is with gratitude we record that our hopes have been in large part realized, and our expectations to some extent fulfilled. The past year has witnessed the organization of a Conference Executive Board, with headquarters at Cincinnati. Our Districts have been organized in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution adopted at the last Annual Meeting; efficient officers have been elected, who have entered upon the work with earnestness, and are prosecuting it with success. Four District meetings have been held, all of them occasions of interest and profit.

The third annual meeting was held in Springfield the first week in June. In accordance with the recommendation of the Conference Executive Board, it was decided to adopt some special lines of work, and to petition the Board of Managers for the privilege of building an Industrial Home for whites. The adoption of the Envelope system, which provides for the payment of ten cents per member a month, and has been used with great success by several of our auxiliaries, was recommended. We hope thereby to secure uniformity and system in the payment of dues, and also to accumulate a much-needed contingent

fund. During the recent session of the Cincinnati Conference an afternoon was accorded for a joint anniversary meeting of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, which was largely attended and deeply interesting.

We record with gratitude the bequest of one thousand dollars by the late Mr. Wm. Glenn, of Cincinnati.

We regard with peculiar satisfaction the growth of our Young People's department, the membership of which has a little more than doubled during the year. In numbers, in interest, in contributions our Conference has steadily advanced; but, while lengthening the cords, we have sought also to strengthen the stakes, and think we may truly say that the past year has been the most successful in the history of this Society, not only because of actual results accomplished, but because, by the adoption of more thorough and systematic plans for its prosecution, the promise for continued and more rapid progress is better than ever before. The following statement will show the progress and present status of the Society:

Auxiliary Societies	26	Juvenile Members	567
Young Ladies' Circles and Bands	22	Total number of Members	1,445
Total number of Societies	48	Subscribers to Home Missions	495
Churches contributing without organization	11	Life Members	85
Adult Members	878	Honorary Managers	14
		Honorary Patrons	6

CLARA ALLEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Colorado Conference.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Colorado Conference has now had an existence of a little more than one year; and we think in the short period of time since the organization of our auxiliaries they have done well. We have been quite surprised at the willingness on the part of our over-worked ladies to listen to the call for renewed Christian effort. I find no difficulty in organizing, when our people learn of our country's peril and need. Our ministers have greatly aided me in organizing in their Churches, always giving me the best hour of the Sabbath for this purpose, and they have done much in keeping these societies in active existence after they are formed. Our Conference motto is: "Save the poor, and you save this nation; save this nation, and you save the world."

MRS. J. H. MERRITT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Columbia River Conference.

With gratitude to God for all his benefits towards us would we submit this our first annual report. The Columbia River Conference is large in extent, embracing all of eastern Washington Territory, all of northern Idaho, and a large portion of eastern Oregon. There are three Presiding Elders' Districts and sixty pastoral charges. At the beginning of the year now closed we had but one auxiliary and a membership of eighteen. During the year five new auxiliaries have been organized, two of them Juvenile Bands, giving us at present six auxiliaries, and an aggregate membership of one hundred and nine. We have two Life Members and thirty subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions.* The Walla Walla Auxiliary has given very timely aid to some of our own worthy ministers. It has also done Local Work in the city, which I am sure will not be forgotten when Christ shall say to those on his right hand, "I was sick and ye visited me, naked and ye clothed me."

Until the session of our Conference just closed we had no Conference organization; but as the Annual Conference approached we felt that the time had come when we must organize. Feeling in need of assistance, we wrote to some of our

experienced workers, beseeching them to come to our aid, but as we could offer them no compensation except the gratitude of loving hearts, and what could be raised by public collections, no one seemed to feel *called to respond* until we laid our case before our dear sister Springer, of Iowa. She at once replied that *she would come*, and *trust to the Lord and the collections for remuneration*. She came, and—wonderful to tell—we organized with *eighty* members. A large number of subscribers for *Woman's Home Missions* was also obtained. Being now thoroughly equipped with efficient Conference and District Officers, we hope to be able to report more rapid growth in the future than we have had in the past.

MRS. D. G. STRONG, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Mrs. Springer sends the following additional report:

As the most earnest solicitations for Mrs. Springer's pilgrimage to the Coast came from royal women in this Conference, the loneliness of life seemed wholly past, on looking into the dear face of Mrs. Strong, last seen at the Cleveland Home Annual Meeting, and the lovely Mrs. Brown, of Iowa memories. Thursday morning the Home cause was warmly welcomed by the Conference, as the subject was presented; and at 8 P. M. all space was filled in the auditorium and parlors of the M. E. Church, at Walla-Walla, Washington Territory, when, after Scripture lessons by Mrs. Brown, prayer by Mrs. Barrett, with sweetest music by the choir, the Conference Secretary, Mrs. Strong, read her report, full of encouragement. After an address by Mrs. Col. Springer, eighty members were secured (several paying the dues for the year) and by the *wonderful aid* of pastors and people, amid *great enthusiasm*, the Columbia River Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized and officered: President, Mrs. H. Moys; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Susie Foster; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. G. Strong; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Hill. When Rev. Henry Brown could report *over* one hundred dollars for *both* the Home and Foreign Societies, and over $600 from his Walla Walla Church for benevolences, no one can wonder that this collection was $25. Subscribers for *Home Missions*, by personal effort, reached 29. Accompanied by Mrs. Strong, the Sabbath morning's service secured a society of seventeen, at Waitsburg, and the evening, at Huntsville, added names to the organization there existing.

Many very touching messages came to note by recipients of barrels in this Conference. One lady said, "By the help of your Society we have been able to give another year of work to the Lord." Of the marvellous success of Mrs. Brown's 25 "Jewels," and the indefatigable labors of the Secretary, Mrs. Strong will report; though she may forget one item, paying $4 express on reports to pay postage on again to places needed. Changeless love for this royal Conference.

The Conference reported as follows:

"WHEREAS, the Woman's Home Missionary Society is now duly recognized by the General Conference as one of the arms of Christ's service, and is showing itself "approved of God" and "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," rightly dividing its benefactions where they are most needed, therefore,

Resolved, that we, the Columbia River Conference, will encourage the organization of auxiliary societies in our charges, and assist in devising methods for raising funds for the use of the same, within the provisions of the Discipline governing such societies."

Detroit Conference.

The year has been marked not so much by large increase in auxiliaries and members as by substantial achievements in other lines, and by increased faith in the possibilities for the usefulness of our Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society. One year ago we were happy to welcome to Detroit the Annual Meeting of the general Society, and the information obtained and enthusiasm awakened during its sessions have been felt in the work through the whole year. We have reason to rejoice that through the efforts of our Conference Society the Missionary

Committee of the Parent Society voted for this year an increase to the Missionary appropriation to Detroit Conference of $3,000. By means of this the wild and rugged regions of northern Michigan, so rapidly developing, and filling up largely with an ignorant foreign population, may obtain in some degree the teaching of the Gospel, and the dissemination of the principles of Christian living by Missionary pastors. The work of our Society is still needed there, and, so long as the tide of emigration from the most debased peoples of Europe continues to flood our Commonwealth, we feel that there is work for us to do among them, a work that not only may secure their salvation, but as surely must be done to preserve our institutions, civil and religious.

The Home Missionary Loan Library, established last year for the use of ministers in the mission charges of our Conference, has been highly appreciated. It has been enlarged by gifts and purchases, and its prosperity and eminent usefulness seem to be assured. The department of Local Work is slowly assuming definite form with us. There is a deep and increasing interest in it, and a widespread hope that our Society may be instrumental in solving the problem of how to reach the unchurched masses.

Our Department of Supplies has done noble work, sending to the Missionaries within the Conference supplies valued at $1,750. Something has also been done by this department for one or more of the Model Homes. Our interest in the whole great field of work of the general Society is unabated, and some generous donations have been sent to the general Treasurer from our Society. We are glad to record that two Home Missionaries from the membership of our Conference Society have this year been commissioned by the general Society, and sent to important fields of labor.

The statistics of the Society are as follows:

Total number of Auxiliaries	77	
Young Ladies' Circles	6	Increase, 4
Juvenile Bands	7	
Honorary Managers	5	
Life Members	43	Increase, 20
Annual Members	1,852	" 42
Juvenile and Young Lady Members	286	" 90
Subscribers to *Home Missions*	525	" 105

EMMA WINNER ROGERS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

East Ohio Conference.

The East Ohio Conference Society has suffered severely in the past year by the removal and death of officers in both Conference and District organizations, only one of the eight Districts retaining both officers. Notwithstanding this condition and the fact that the work has been crippled by sickness in person or family of those whose duty it was to prosecute the work, we believe that the real conscientious interest in the work of the Home Missionary Society has never been greater than at present. A large number of auxiliaries have held public meetings during the year. Two very profitable District meetings have largely increased the interest in their respective Districts. District Conferences have been visited and the claims of our Society presented. The anniversary of our Society, during the session of Conference held at Cleveland, was ably addressed by Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Hickman, and Rev. C. N. Grandison, who spoke from his personal knowledge of the work being done in the South, and paid an eloquent tribute to the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

There has been a small increase in contributions. The amount of supplies has been equal to that of last year, if not greater. Several of our Children's Bands are supporting beneficiaries in "Haven Home," and other special work is being helped by different auxiliaries. Superior street, Cleveland, has purchased

and paid for an organ for the work in Utah. Akron auxiliary has done efficient work for both the general and special departments of the Society, and also for Local work, which will be shown in the report of the Treasurer. But at present great interest is centered in the erection of a School or Mission House in Utah, towards which perhaps half of the funds have already been contributed. Altogether, the outlook for East Ohio Conference is *good*, and we trust the coming year will be one of great advancement in all our borders.

MRS. J. M. CARR, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Erie Conference.

The seventh year of the Erie Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society closes as follows:

Organizations effected	2		
Total organizations	75	Decrease,	3
Honorary Managers	3		
Life Members	45	Increase,	4
Annual Members (Auxiliary, 888; Young People, 506)	1,394	Decrease,	207
Mother's Jewels	90	Increase,	45
Woman's Home Missions	309	Decrease,	173
Mite-Boxes held	304	Increase,	7
Beneficiaries aided	6		

SPECIAL WORK.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.—South Oil City, Grace Church Auxiliary: Mrs. F. A. Swisher, Mrs. M. J. McMullen.

Millerstown (Barnhart Mills P. O.) Auxiliary: Mrs. J. B. Showalter, Mrs. H. J. Hoyt.

MOTHER'S JEWELS.—The Lucy Hayes Band, of Edenburg (Knox P. O.), Pa., under the inspiring leadership of Miss Hettie A. Keatley, obtained fifty-seven Mother's Jewels.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS.—Erie Conference will make earnest effort the coming year to regain her former standing on the subscription list of our most excellent paper.

BENEFICIARIES.—All our Beneficiaries are in Haven Home, Savannah, Ga. Titusville Auxiliary supports Sarah Boyd; Clarion Young Ladies' Society, Susan Jackson; Oil City, Trinity Church Auxiliary, Octavia McNeal; Corry Young Ladies' Society, Jane Ann Baker; Sherman (N. Y.) Young Ladies' Society, Mary Spencer. Spartansburg Juvenile Band devotes its efforts to aiding a Beneficiary, but is not able to assume her whole support.

ROOMS NAMED IN HAVEN HOME.—Last year the Titusville Auxiliary named the "Anna Hadeen Room," and this year the societies in Erie Conference have named the "Erie Conference Room"; this is the large room on the third floor.

ANNUAL CONVENTIONS.

ONE CONVENTION was held this year—that of Franklin District, at Tionesta, Pa., June 15-17, in union with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This was our sixth Union Convention in this District; they all have been of great interest and profit.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION, FRANKLIN DISTRICT, Rev. J. M. Bray, Presiding Elder, invited the Home Society to a place upon their programme with the Foreign Society. The cordial co-operation of these brethren was indeed beautiful.

AT STRATTONVILLE CAMP-MEETING and Sunday-school Assembly, a meeting in the interests of our Society was held July 1. Our Home and Foreign Societies have a permanent place given them on the programme for Missionary Day.

THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING, CONFERENCE SOCIETY, held September 23, at Jamestown, N. Y., was presided over by our dearly-loved President, Mrs. E. J. L. Baker. Rev. A. W. Decker and Rev. C. W. Miner took part in the exercises. Rev. A. A. Horton made the address. An unusual number of changes occurred in our Official Board at our Annual Meeting. The following resignations were made necessary by unavoidable personal circumstances, and were regretfully accepted: Mrs. Dr. Fradenburg, Mrs. Martha A. Hall, Mrs. B. F. Wade, Mrs. Jane N. Dawson, Mrs. F. S. Tarbell, Mrs. J. F. Perry, and Mrs. W. H. Mossman. Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Mossman had been members of our Board from the beginning.

MEMBERS DECEASED.

Three of our dear sisters have entered into rest: Grandma Whipple, one of the first members of the Saegertown Auxiliary, then 88 years old, but having remarkable vigor of body and mind, zealous in the service of her Master, was called by Him to her eternal reward, at the age of 92 years; Mrs. Pauline S. Baird, of Ripley (N. Y.) Auxiliary, and Mrs. Addie Hurd, a sweet helper and hospitable friend, of the Corry Young Ladies' Society, have closed their beautiful lives on earth to enjoy everlasting life beyond. Two of our precious young girls, Miss Vinnie Wood and Miss Mollie Hancock, of the Clarion Young Ladies' Society, died happy in Jesus.

Another year of our Society has passed, and its records are closed. It is with mingled feelings of joy and pain that I present this report. Years of overwork resulted in the breaking down of my health early in last November, and until Aug. 8th I was unable to meet the requirements of the office I hold, and the very little I attempted was done in suffering and feebleness. Those months of disability were filled with sadness; I grieved that I was unable to work. I was impatient, and, like the poor bird that beats its wings against the bars of its cage, my fretted soul rebelled, *but could not break its bands*. God was pleased to teach me by affliction the wickedness of disobedience to the natural laws of *physical* and *spiritual* health, even though the pressing demands of His own cause seemed to make disobedience to those laws necessary. Our souls, as well as our bodies, need refreshment and repose. We need often to sit at Jesus' feet, at leisure from all else, and learn of Him. Though "foolish and slow of heart," I, at last, laid hold of the promises of God in Christ Jesus.—Psa. 104: 1–4.

OUR FINANCES.

The report of our efficient Conference Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. Beck, will be found elsewhere. The results will show that God does not permit His work to fail, though some may faint in the heat of the day.

MRS. C. V. CULVER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Florida Conference.

The report from this Society, this year, is not as encouraging as its members would desire. Our work would steadily advance did the people understand better the object of the Society and its special methods of work. They have the willing mind and the teachable spirit, but they require leaders, who will intelligently and persistently carry on the work. "Tell us what to do,"—"We want some competent person to lead us and we will rally around her,"—"Write and encourage us, for we are very weak in the work"—such are the words that come to us from some of the Secretaries. Leaflets and papers, giving information, have been forwarded to them, still they cry for assistance. We can only "pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest."

Ebenezer Auxiliary raised $100 last year for naming a room in the *Home*, and St. Augustine has done the same this year—indeed both these auxiliaries raised *more* than the necessary amount for that purpose. This latter auxiliary is led by the efficient President of our Conference Society also, and considering its *ten* mem-

bers, has done grandly. The sewing schools connected with Fernandina Auxiliary and Simpson Chapel are carried on by other excellent workers, so there are causes for encouragement and perseverance in this field of labor.

Boylan Home here has been enlarged, and with its increased accommodations can admit 18 girls; indeed, 25 can be taken, if necessary. It mourns the loss of its brightest pupil, Rosa King, who was also the Secretary of the Band connected with it. This Home, with its present facilities for work and its efficient Superintendent, Miss Emerson, must accomplish much in aiding humanity and in extending the Home Mission work in this Conference. We have twenty-four subscribers for our *Home Missions;* two organized Districts; six auxiliaries; four sewing schools and about 100 members. Incomplete reports make it impossible to give the correct number. Notwithstanding discouragements, we still press forward "for the love of Christ and in His name."

MRS. S. B. DARNELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Genesee Conference.

The Home Missionary Society of Genesee Conference has now been organized one year and six months. At our last Annual Meeting in Detroit we reported six auxiliaries and one Mission Band. The work has not advanced so rapidly as we in our enthusiasm confidently hoped and expected it would, but we are grateful to our Heavenly Father that He has helped us to do even a little in the great work of elevating and Christianizing the needy in our own land. The following statement will show the condition of the work in our Conference at the present time:

Total number of	Auxiliaries	19	Increase,	13
" "	Juvenile Bands	6	"	5
" "	Members of Auxiliaries	658	"	162
" "	Members of Bands	118	"	91
" "	Members of Auxiliaries and Bands	776	"	280
" "	Subscribers	217	Decrease,	42

Six public meetings have been held during the year, at each of which great interest has been manifested. On the 19th of May an all-day meeting was held in First Church, Rochester, when Mrs. Angie Newman was present and made one of her thrilling addresses. Our Annual Meeting was held in Asbury Church, Buffalo, and after the reports of Conference and District officers, which were full of encouragement, Mrs. Gaddis gave an interesting address, explaining her work among the Indians. Our second Conference anniversary was held in LeRoy, on the evening of October 8th, and was addressed by Mrs. Gaddis and Chaplain McCabe. This was a very enthusiastic meeting, and we hope, has opened the way for many new organizations in the near future. We feel greatly honored that during the last year the Lord has put it into the heart of one of our noblest young ladies to give *herself* to this work. Miss Ida Brimmer, a lovely Christian girl, of thorough education and fine personal appearance, received her appointment from the General Executive Board, about six weeks since, as Missionary to Albuquerque, New Mexico. She left Rochester on Monday, October 10th, for her new field of labor. We earnestly pray that the Lord will so bless the labors of this noble young woman that in eternity it will be revealed that Genesee Conference did a noble work for Home Missions in the year 1887.

MRS. E. B. GREEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Idaho Conference.

Aided in a W. C. T. U. Mass Meeting, Monday night, September 19th, at Walla Walla; the evening of the 20th was at Pendleton, but notice was not fully announced, so a conversational meeting, in the interest of Home Missions, in the M. E. Church, was all that could be effected. Keeping one eye open lest the

train should depart without the *Home sister*, 4 A. M. finds "all aboard" for La Grande, where at 8 P. M. that evening, after an address, a society was formed of twelve members and three subscribers—the first auxiliary in the Idaho Conference. Mrs. Rev. J. R. Watson lighted the lamps, rang the "Blue Mountain University" bell, and was a host of helpfulness. Sept. 22d, at Union, a hearty welcome came from Mrs. Wright, by whose aid a society was organized that evening in the M. E. Church, of twelve members. Another watchful night, as trains do not wait even in Oregon for passengers, and the vigil is rewarded by reaching Baker City, at 9:30 A. M. Hastening to the Conference, a pleasant surprise awaits the pilgrim: "a Committee on Home Missions has been appointed," without any effort of the traveler, who is invited to address this band of heroic ministers upon this department of Church work. At 8 P. M., after an address by Mrs. Col. Springer, in the M. E. Church, in Baker City, Sept. 23d, 1887, 46 members were secured, and by the generous and limitless aid of the pastors and ladies, the Idaho Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized, and all the officers were elected, of which four are mentioned here: President, Mrs. G. W. Irwin; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Anna Henry; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Grannis; Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Wright, and 34 subscribers for the paper were obtained. As this Conference numbers but 16 clergymen, and is really a Mission field, the collection, $12.88, is more than thousands of dollars from our rich Churches. May the Great Head of the Church abundantly repay all these toilers. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we are thankful for the visit and address of our sister, Mrs. Col. Springer, and pray God's blessing may attend her and her associates in their labor of love.

2. That we will inform our people concerning this Society, and encourage the formation of auxiliaries in our respective Churches.

3. That we will present the claims of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and help the women to secure a good collection therefor to report to our next Annual Conference.

W. T. CHAPMAN,
A. THOMPSON, } *Committee.*

Monday, Sept. 26th, the Baker City ladies met and organized an auxiliary of twenty-one members; and the following day Mrs. Springer left for Payette, where she spoke on Thursday evening, Sept. 29th, and formed a Society of ten members. Sabbath morning, Oct. 2d, in the M. E. Church, at Boise City, after an address, secured thirty-two members, and the auxiliary was duly organized. Oct. 5th, at Bellevue, a town of vast silver mines, spoke in M. E. Church, and as some compensation for being on train till 3:30 A. M. and remaining in depot till daylight, seventeen members were secured and much interest shown in the election of the officers. Oct. 6th reached Ketchum, and on the next evening presented Home Missions in the Union Church (Episcopalian and Congregationalist) but left the organization of a society to the ladies, who decided to organize an auxiliary to the Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, and a royal Episcopal lady was elected President, and the other offices were filled with intelligent Congregational ladies, with one efficient Methodist officer. Sunday morning, Oct. 9th, gave an address on the Holy Land, and in the evening a crowded house welcomed the Home Missionary, (the Episcopalian Rector generously closing his Church for a union service), and thirty-four members were secured, and twelve subscribers, and the society was fully organized. Oct. 10th, at Shoshone, much interest was exhibited and an auxiliary of fourteen was formed, representing the Methodist, the Episcopalian, and the Congregational Churches. The Conferences came in such rapid succession, no time was afforded to visit many adjoining localities till after the Idaho Conference, but hope is still entertained of aiding the work in Oregon at a later period.

MRS. COL. SPRINGER, *in behalf of the Society.*

Illinois Conference.

It was said by Libanius, the pagan rhetorician and teacher of Julian, the apostate, "What women these Christians have." This has been proven by the women of the Missionary societies of our own dear Church. Our organization is yet in its infancy. The last year has not been full of great events, still we are pleased to report earnest, efficient work by our retiring Corresponding Secretary. She and her assistants have presented the work in various Churches, and effected some organizations. We have:

Total Number of Auxiliaries	12
Annual Members	291
Subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*	144

$45.00 have been raised by the Children's Mission Band of the First Church, Bloomington, consisting of thirty members; supplies for their beneficiary, $13.00 in value. This little band of enthusiastic workers, during the last two years, has been educating a girl in Haven Home, Savannah, Ga., by the payment of sixty dollars. This tabulated report of results does not tell the whole story of how the interest is growing in the hearts of the people; that while they pay their money, they use their needles as well; and have on hand quilts, carpets, and clothing, with which to gladden the homes of our ministers toiling on the frontier. Much more work has been done which we have not time to report. The many words of encouragement and promises of future organization, which we received from the ministers of our Conference, brighten and pave the way for glorious results in the coming year.

MRS. S. A. CRIST, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Indiana Conference.

While this Conference has not been marching on and conquering for the Lord as we would wish, yet with a feeling of deep gratitude, we are able to report favorably for the existing auxiliaries. The continued illness of my husband hinders me from leaving my home, and thereby the work is retarded; yet Home work is on a better basis now in this Conference than at any time previous since I have been connected with the work. One of our auxiliaries is helping a girl at Simpson Home; and a Young Ladies' Society is assisting a needy girl in the South. These young people are very enthusiastic about their meetings and work, and wish their meetings were held oftener than once a month. Some auxiliaries are sending Sunday-school supplies. A box of clothing will soon be sent to a needy family; also a barrel to the frontiers.

Mrs. Lodge, Secretary of Supplies, kindly assisted me in arranging for a District Convention, held at Blackford St. Church, Indianapolis, which proved to be a great blessing. Mrs. Rust was present, and raised $100, to name a room in the new Home at Little Rock, the room to bear the name of Rev. W. F. Sheridan, Pastor of Blackford St. Church. We believe we are safe in saying that Mrs. Rust excelled herself in the address she gave that evening. Mrs. Rust and Chaplain McCabe were both present at our Conference anniversary held in Meridian St. Church, Indianapolis, and cast bread upon the waters which will be gathered many days hence.

MRS. E. KENNEDY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Kentucky Conference.

I still stand as Conference Secretary, but there is no Conference organization, and hence it is hard to keep track of the work when there is any done. The interest in the Louisville District is increasing, but, outside of this, there is little interest taken in the work, and perhaps but little is known of it. Mrs. Speed, of Louisville, has rendered a great deal of substantial aid to our preachers who have poor, hard circuits, and large families to support. I regret that I am not able to

report the amount of money so expended, as I think it should be placed to her credit. The auxiliary at Hardinsburg, of which I am Secretary, has raised over eighty dollars, the most of which has been paid to needy people specially deserving help; and also it has liberally aided in local benevolent work. Rev. Mr. Humphrey, who helped to organize this auxiliary five years ago, died in one month after its organization, leaving his family penniless. His wife's name (though she is far away from us) still stands on our books, and is called each month, when the members take their turn in paying her dues. It is proposed to build a monument to his memory, and we earnestly hope to erect one as durable and lasting as we trust our Society will be.

MRS. G. P. JOLLY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Little Rock Conference.

This Conference is itself a Missionary field, and the art of giving to anything, beyond barely running the Churches, is not well understood or appreciated by the people. Our work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is but poorly understood at best, and even in this measure by but few of the ministers, and they seem loath to undertake the task of bringing it before their people. We have had five auxiliaries organized; three outside of the city, one of which we think never did any work. Our late Secretary—a most estimable woman—was overcrowded in her own home, with the care of her family and teaching in the public schools, so that the work has not had the attention it required. I think nothing was done last year, and the office of Conference Secretary was left vacant. The Young People's Society, of Little Rock, is still alive, and has handed in to me $1.75, which I forward with this letter. The two Societies of Wesley Chapel gave to the Trustees of said Church $10 last year to help pay off the indebtedness on the Church. Much work is needed throughout this Conference in this line. The greatest difficulty will be to get women who will understand, and be able to carry on this work, to take the lead. Away from the school centers, and in the remote districts, the people suffer from lack of knowledge; and especially do they know little about Mission work. Truly, the harvest is great, but the laborers are few.

Several packages of clothing, chiefly to ministers' families, have been sent out by us during the year; packages of literature for distribution also, besides many letters written to the young people who are engaged in work in the rural districts, letters of encouragement and advice, with Temperance pledges, literature, etc. In addition to this, students are helped to clothing, they, as a rule, doing some work about the premises in return. The young ladies who come in our Home are helped by a warm garment or some needed article in dress which their friends were unable to furnish. Some poor family of the Church is reported needy, and our store-room furnishes a supply; a package of papers finds its way into the Bible reading, or into the prayer meeting, and furnishes reading for young people who have no libraries or book-shelves in their scanty homes. With the aid we expect soon to have from our helper, who is now on her way to us, and with the blessing of Him who has said when he sends us forth, "Lo, I am with you alway," we are hoping to do some good work during the year we have entered upon.

ELIZABETH H. MCINTOSH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Louisiana Conference.

For three years past I had been urged to accept the position of Corresponding Secretary of the Louisiana Conference, but not until January of the present year did I consent. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me in the work I have tried to accomplish. Soon after my election I started on a tour of organizing, and visited several points in the State. Our people are alive to the work of the

Woman's Home Missionary Society, and our pastors and Presiding Elders have so interested themselves that their Churches are open to us at all times. I can say with perfect truth and confidence that the members of our Board are so united in their efforts that we are as one family. We are working in perfect peace and harmony, and are ready at the proper time to help in every good work of the general Society. As Aunt Hester says, "We are coming up." We have twenty-one Mission-schools in our Conference, taught in the Churches, only two of which have received support from the general Treasury, each of these two teachers having received five dollars a month for from eight to ten months of the year. We specially ask for an appropriation for this work, that we may have at least four teachers supported this year—one at Union Chapel, Miss G. Hale; one at Wesley Chapel, Miss Agnes Thompson; one at La Harp, Mr. Harry Weber (all in New Orleans); and one at St. James Church in Shreveport. In St. James we have a grand auxiliary society, which has forwarded its membership dues regularly to our treasury, and has sent an appeal for a Mission Teacher. The pastor, Rev. T. G. Montgomery, is taking a lively interest in our work. If the Society cannot afford to help this much-needed work in Louisiana, I hope some generous friend will pledge $5.00 a month for ten months for the support of one or more schools in Louisiana Conference. We must do something to encourage our people this year. We have five District Secretaries, all colored, who travel over their Districts at their own expense, just as Aunt Hester does. She has been laboring for the past five or six years just as the others have, and has never drawn any support from the Society.

While visiting the work in Baton Rouge, we were requested to call on a gentleman of that city who wished to donate a lot of ground for the "Hester Williams Home." This we did, and obtained from him the legal documents attesting the gift. He is anxious to have the Home built at an early date. At the Detroit meeting last year Aunt Hester was authorized to collect funds for the building of the Home in Baton Rouge. If there are any friends who desire to assist her in this effort she will gladly accept the donation, or a pledge for future help.

September 27–29, a delegated Convention was held in New Orleans representing twenty auxiliaries, the first Woman's Home Missionary Convention ever held in Louisiana. The sessions were largely attended by pastors and people, and the Convention was in all respects a decided success. Since February of the present year we have added 18 auxiliary societies, 21 Juvenile, and 17 "Mother's Jewels" to our list of last year, and have increased our membership 622. We have raised $370 for Local work. It is difficult to impress on the minds of our people the necessity and advantage of sending one dollar each to the general Treasury. They ask, "What good does that do?" or, "What benefit do I receive for that dollar?" Yet I think our membership dues have nearly or quite doubled those of last year. As I stated above, we have 21 schools, with 500 pupils in attendance, and 46 subscribers to *Home Missions*. Since January I have held 213 meetings, made 132 religious visits, have written 221 letters in the interest of the work, have given out 500 garments, and about 100 yards of cotton flannel, a barrel of which was kindly sent me by Mrs. Lodge; have kept the sewing schools supplied with all materials necessary to carry forward their work, and have distributed 312 tracts, pamphlets, etc. We return thanks to our friends who have so generously supplied us with these goods, and especially to Mrs. Richard Dymond, of Cincinnati, for a box of lovely quilt scraps. The children in one of our schools have finished a beautiful quilt made of these pieces. Supplies are greatly needed in this field, and friends interested in Southern work cannot do better than to send such aid to Louisiana.

Miss J. Cowgill, our Missionary at New Orleans, makes a report of her work as follows:

Religious visits made	3,335	Garments given to the poor . . .	770
" meetings held	275	Tracts distributed	3,200
Letters written for our work . .	1,130		

This year the Lord has enabled me to lead ten or twelve fallen women to better lives; and out of homes of infamy and from the streets I gathered a class of thirty-eight children—all but two illegitimate—some of whom were covered with sores and filth; and, in a suitable room, I held weekly meetings with them, and taught them Bible lessons, and to sing and pray. Each week I hold three street meetings, where gather large crowds of people, many of whom could not be induced to attend any Church meetings, and would never hear the Gospel if it was not preached to them on the streets, or taken to them in their wretched homes. A good number of prisoners have said to me, some with tear-filled eyes, "I thank you for what you have said to me; I am going to lead a better life." In all my places of work—even in saloons and gambling dens—God has given me some souls. My great need has been a Mission-room where I can gather these poorly-clad outcasts in for worship and instruction. They will not go into fine Churches, and among nicely-dressed people.

MRS. JOAN BENTLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Maine Conference.

Some three years ago, a few of the ministers' wives, who had read of the need of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, felt that even in this far away Eastern Conference something might be done to aid those noble women of the South-west who had undertaken and were carrying on such a grand work. At the suggestion of Mrs. C. F. Allen, a Conference Society was formed and officers were chosen, who promised to do what they could. Many thought that if they worked in the Foreign Society it was all they could possibly do. Still we think the work is progressing. We have held two Conference anniversaries, and three District meetings, at Old Orchard camp ground, all of which have resulted in great good. Although I can only report a few auxiliaries, yet something has been done in a number of Churches in the way of sending supplies and raising money to aid the work.

A Young Ladies' Society, in connection with the Chestnut St. M. E. Church, Portland, was organized Oct. 27th, 1886. At the suggestion of Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, the society adopted as special work the ceiling of the kitchen of the Haven Home, Savannah. After raising the funds for that purpose, they turned there attention to sending a barrel of clothing and other useful articles to Savannah, their sympathies having been awakened by a letter from Miss Jolls. We had the pleasure recently of being present at one of the meetings of this Society. And although their number is not large, and they miss the presence of Mrs. J. W. Bashford, their organizer and former President, they seem determined to "look upward and not downward," to "go forward and not backward." We rejoice that in this they have the encouragement of their new pastor and his wife, who believe in Home as well as in Foreign Mission work. We have a large number of subscribers to the *Woman's Home Missions*. We hope the zeal of the other New England Conferences will provoke us to engage more heartily in the good work.

MRS. B. FREEMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Michigan Conference.

With flying steps the year has sped
Since last in council sweet
We met; but some *then here* are dead!
Dead? No! their tired feet
Now tread upon the "gold-paved street;"
The weary head may rest
Forever on the Saviour's breast.
And if, another year,

Some one of us shall not appear
When roll-call here is given—
With finished work, our laurels won
Will be enough when Christ's "*Well done,*"
Shall bid us rest at Home—in Heaven.

Now, this is the third time I am coming to you to present my annual report for Michigan Conference Society. We are working on the up-grade, and *make haste slowly;* but away on the hill-tops we catch the glintings of the morning, and progress is *certainly* marked in the footings for the year.

In addition to our frontier work, we undertook this year the support of Miss Saugstad in Utah, the partial support of a teacher in the Training-school at Chicago, and directed the funds raised by the Portland "Mother's Jewels" to be applied on the Children's Home; we also pledged $75 for a minister's wife in our Conference suddenly left homeless and penniless, with four small children to support. It was determined at our last Annual Meeting that our work for the frontier should be cash this year; no supplies to be sent unless specially requested. This has embarrassed us somewhat, and will account for an apparent falling off in our financial showing, though, really, we have exceeded last year's cash account. The calls for help from our Northern ministers seem as imperative as ever, and duty says we still must care for them.

We have employed a Conference organizer this year, whose expenses have been met from her collections, leaving a small surplus for contingent fund. She did excellent work for the time spent, and we speak from experience when we say it pays to have an organizer in the field to give *all her time.*

The following statistics will show the present condition of our Conference work:

Number of Auxiliaries		43	Increase,	15
"	Bands and Young Ladies' Circles	8	"	5
"	Members of Auxiliaries	1,111	"	507
"	Members of Bands and Young Ladies' Circles	226	"	103
"	Members of Auxiliaries, Young Ladies' and Mission Bands	1,337	"	613
"	Life Members	22	"	8
"	Honorary Managers	3	"	2
"	" Patrons	1	"	1
"	subscribers to *Home Missions*	258	"	161
"	Portland "Mother's Jewels"	29	"	14

Mrs. Mary T. Lathrop made herself a Life Member at our Annual Meeting, and desired the $20 to be applied on Miss Saugstad's salary.

MRS. W. J. ALDRICH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Minnesota Conference.

Last May, upon the resignation of our former excellent Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Morrow, I was chosen Secretary of this Conference, and entered upon my work under protest, feeling that my family cares and other duties were too great to admit of my doing this work properly, and with the understanding that I would only do the clerical work, for I could not take the responsibility of organizing this vast field. I found only five organizations, but many other Churches assisting and willing to unite with us. At our Conference anniversary, just closed, we had an interesting time, and much enthusiasm was awakened, which will greatly advance the cause if we can find the proper person to organize it into permanent form. I have distributed a large number of leaflets and constitutions, reports and blanks.

Our work for the year has been confined to relieving the necessities of the members of our own Conference who are upon the frontier. We have six auxiliaries with a membership of 262, 3 Life Members, and 47 subscribers to *Woman's*

Home Missions. We hope to very much increase our number and usefulness during the coming year.

MRS. S. B. WARNER, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Nebraska Conference.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Nebraska Conference has made characteristic advance the past year. Two barriers are met in organization: 1st. It is but a brief period since the Churches became self-supporting; the Church is in advance of her resources; society is formative; business life is still largely experimental; Church membership fluctuates; Western civilization is nomadic—to-day it is here, to-morrow it has moved on. The Church Extension Society insists upon its three or four Churches per day, though there be but a single pair of hands to build them. Our people are heroic, responsive; but the family home must be established, the soil must be turned, the crops gathered by machinery. Heavy individual and family expenditures are concomitants of a new civilization; we have only here and there approximated the line of financial margins; hence the Churches of the Conference, with two exceptions, can ill afford the outlay incident to auxiliary or Conference organization. Once organized, the ratio of returns would be high.

2d. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized years ago, in nearly every Church in the State, by your Secretary. This Society has absorbed the energies and resources of the women of the Churches to that extent that new organizations *seem* difficult to maintain. With an organizer in the field for six months the Society would be founded on the rock of progress.

The Conference Secretary has accomplished little that can be tabulated; but that she has not been idle will be seen from the following summary:

During the year she has traveled 12,000 miles, has written 2,244 letters, has visited 11 Conferences, has given 153 public addresses, has donated to Utah work traveling expenses $100; has given one organ to Davis Hall, and sent one box of supplies to Utah.

The work of the Conference is shown in the following summary:

Auxiliary Societies	11	Two organs	$195 50
Members.	201	Donated in traveling expenses:	
Subscribers to *Home Missions*.	60	By Mrs. Newman	100 00
Six boxes supplies, valued at .	$203 00	By Mrs. Spurlock	50 00

The amount of money raised by the Conference will be shown in the report of the Treasurer.

MRS. A. F. NEWMAN, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Newark Conference.

The past year has tested the loyalty and zeal of our various auxiliaries, in consequencee of the protracted illness of the Conference Secretary, and the fact that but little supervisory or aggressive work has been attempted. To the dear women of our Conference, who, amid many discouragements, have labored faithfully for the interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, be all the praise under God for what has been accomplished during the year now ended. We have 22 auxiliaries and 3 Young People's Bands, with a total membership numbering between 600 and 700.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Cross Street church, Paterson, has been reorganized during the year, and divided its funds between the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. The Home Missionary Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Montclair, has supported a young lady in the Training-school at Chicago during this year, and is cheered by the zeal she has shown in toiling among the poor of that crowded city during the summer's heat. The Auxiliary of Trinity church, Newark, has employed a Missionary during the

past six months, who has done efficient service as a city Missionary in the section of the city assigned to her. The interest of many of our auxiliaries is increasing in Haven and Boylan Homes, because of their varied gifts to these two institutions, and they are learning, in consequence, that it is indeed "more blessed to give than to receive." The importance of the Local work at our own doors still burdens the hearts of our Executive Board, though we have failed as yet to carry out the plans presented to the annual meeting a year ago. We rejoice that the agitation of this subject begun by us has resulted in the organization of a Methodist Episcopal City Missionary and Church Extension Society in Newark, and we hope soon to be able to take up some special department of work endorsed by our Society, that shall materially aid in the evangelization of the masses of that growing city. As we look out upon the golden fields of opportunity opening to the women of our Church through our Woman's Home Missionary Society, and as we hear the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will bear the sheaves away?" we long to hear the glad response from the Christian women of the Newark Conference, "Here am I! send me, send me!"

MRS. J. I. BOSWELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New England Conference.

Another year's work in the Home Missionary field is finished, and we present a brief report of what has been accomplished. We are gratified to note an increasing interest in the subject, as our people come to understand better its claims upon us as Christians and as citizens. Well attended anniversary meetings have been held at Asbury Grove, Lake View, Sterling, and Northampton camp-grounds, and the interest awakened thereby will result in new inspiration for the work the coming year. The present condition of the work within the Conference is shown by the following statement:

Auxiliaries	40	Increase,	7
Young Ladies' Circles	1	"	1
Children's Bands	9	"	7
Organizations	50	"	14
Annual Membership	1183	"	196
Life Members	76	"	10
Honorary Managers	6		
Honorary Patron	1		
Subscribers to *Home Missions*	460		
"Mother's Jewels"	20	"	10
Amount of money raised during the year, over			$3,500.00
Value of supplies sent			2,121.62

$1,000 of this money have been contributed towards the Gammon Home to be built at Atlanta, Ga., $500 of which were secured through the personal efforts of Miss Hannah B. Haven, of Malden, a noble worker in the cause of Home Missions. Much credit is due to Mrs. J. H. Mansfield, of Malden, for her untiring zeal in the cause. We had the pleasure of having Mrs. Newman with us in April, and by her eloquent appeal in behalf of Mormon women, she won all hearts. The name of Mrs. Newman will long be remembered by the many friends she left in New England.

The plans for Local work are being carried out with good success in connection with the Auxiliaries of Lynn Common, Trinity, Charlestown, and Walnut St., Chelsea. More than a year ago, a little girl of twelve summers, from Brooklyn, N. Y., while visiting at my home in Lynn, became interested in the poor children of the South, from hearing about their condition, needs and desire to gain an education. This little girl, Marie Estelle Tremaine, expressed a desire to do something to help them, and on her return home she took a mite box. With eight of her little friends she organized a Home Mission Band, called the "Cheerful Workers." Last April they gave an entertainment in a private

parlor and made $32.00, the money to be used to help educate a little girl in the South.

One year ago a lady, who is a member of the Society of Friends, attended the quarterly meeting of the Lynn Common auxiliary. She was much interested, and at the close of the meeting asked for some leaflets to learn more about the work, which were gladly given to her. Later she called on the President of the auxiliary, and wished to gain still further information. She intended to organize a Home Missionary Society among the Friends. The President gave her all the needed information, and also a Constitution from which the Friends drafted one of their own, and a Home Missionary Society was organized. A short time since they gave an entertainment and realized $200, of which $100 were given to the Foreign work, and $100 to the Home work. Thus the seed sown is taking root in good soil, and bringing forth encouraging results. New England Conference will do well if in its Home Missionary work it shall catch the spirit of the command, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."

"Whatsoever thing thou doest
To the least of mine, and lovest,
That thou doest unto me."

MISS MARIA NEWHALL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New England Southern Conference.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society, of the New England Southern Conference, is increasing in numbers and strength. With scarcely an exception, the officers of the Society are young women; they are greatly interested in the cause, and are becoming efficient workers. Our Committee on Camden Home already sees a broad future for this enterprise, and is planning accordingly. The money, to meet the expenses of building, is provided for. The plan of our Home we think admirable. It will contain 17 rooms, conveniently arranged for sewing, culinary purposes, and laundry work, with bath-room, sleeping apartments, an apartment for the sick with nurse-room contiguous, Matron's room and parlor. The rooms on the first floor open into each other by double doors, and are easily converted into a large hall for religious meetings. We congratulate ourselves, that ours will be a Model Home indeed. We hope the house will be finished at an early date, and we propose to furnish it, and place therein a Matron and Missionary teacher as soon as it is done. Our Conference Board, and our Committee on Model Home, are a unit in thought and action.

MRS. JAMES MATHER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New Hampshire Conference.

Owing to ill-health, the lady elected Corresponding Secretary of the New Hampshire Conference last April has not been able to do the work; and as I have had the office about one month I can give only a general idea of what has been accomplished the past year. We have had forty-four auxiliaries and Bands organized since 1884. Meanwhile there have been one or two deaths in the family, and a few others are suffering from, we trust, only a temporary indisposition. Thirteen of the forty-four were added to our number the last year. We have nearly one thousand members about equally divided between our auxiliaries and Bands. One Honorary Manager at least has been added this year. With the exception of an organ donated to Utah, most of our work has been done for the Boylan Home. Rooms have been furnished and named, and one or two auxiliaries are supporting girls in the Home. Just now cards are out for collecting money to name a children's room in the Home.

Mrs. Newman spoke for us at our annual meeting held at Nashua, in April.

Public meetings were held at all the camp-grounds during the year. Local work is being talked of in some of the auxiliaries, and I hope there will be something in this line reported next year.

H. Ada Wells, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New Jersey Conference.

There has been no aggressive work in our Conference this year. An unusual complication of affairs has prevented us from doing more than simply holding our own. We even report less auxiliaries, but those who have ceased to be in name really never lived. Our reports are most encouraging from the societies already planted. Though we have but eight organizations, with a membership of 423, besides our two Mission Bands with 20 members, our receipts are much larger than last year. Our Secretary of Supplies reports $899.91 received for supplies and Local work; our Treasurer reports as a summary of cash sent to general Treasury from October 15, 1886, to October 15, 1887, over $750, and including the cash received for Conference contingent fund and also for Local work the amount is over $1,200.

At our Conference anniversary we were addressed by Dr. Hartzell, who gave a clear, strong and eloquent plea for our work, and under the inspiration of his address a collection of $300 was given toward building a Home at Morristown, Tenn., the noble husband of our beloved President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, giving one-third of the amount. The Ocean Grove anniversary, in which the New Jersey, Newark, Philadelphia, New York, and New York East Conference Societies are interested, for two years has proved unsatisfactory, and the anniversary will not be held next year unless certain arrangements now pending are consummated agreeably. We held our first anniversary at Pitman Grove, August 19. It was in every sense a success. Mrs. H. A. Mathews, our Missionary at Castle Garden, was one of the speakers, and she so inspired her audience that a spontaneous collection of nearly $50 was given towards an Emigrants' Home in Castle Garden, and 22 subscribers for our paper were obtained. We think the seed for many auxiliaries was planted that day. We have two Missionaries from our Conference who have passed the Committee and general Board, Miss Augusta Wood, who is under appointment to Little Rock, Ark., and Miss Carrie B. Snyder, who awaits appointment. We have another young lady who feels moved to this work, and is now studying at home under Mrs. Meyer's direction.

The work in our Conference would grow very rapidly now if we had some one to do the work of organization. "The good time coming," to which the Conference Secretary has looked forward, when she will have the opportunity to do this work, is farther off apparently than ever, and I know of no plan of work that would so financially aid the general Board as to send an organizer through the New Jersey Conference.

Mrs. C. F. Garrison, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New York Conference.

The work of the year has not been marked by great advance numerically, but there has been steady growth in faith and loving interest, and we enter upon the new year with quickened courage. Two all-day meetings have been held during the year in New York city, of very deep interest and most blessed influence. At the first of these the time was worthily filled by home workers, members of the Conference Board. At the second, inspiring addresses were made by Bishop Mallalieu, Mrs. R. S. Rust, Mrs. Kennard Chandler, Mrs. Mary Grant Cramer, and others.

The Young People's work is prospering among us. Our Bands and Circles are proving their faith in the need of Home Missions by their works. The Supply Department is not neglected, many barrels of blessing having gone forth during

the year, and there are more to follow. The Mission to emigrants at Castle Garden has grown into a work of wide interest and importance. The Board of Managers at the Syracuse meeting voted an appropriation of one thousand dollars for a temporary lodging-house, to be opened as early in the year as possible. This, we trust, will be the beginning of an Emigrants' Home and Training-school. It was also recommended that the Society at large collect funds for this worthy object, which will, we believe, prove a blessing to those who help, as well as to the large class whom we aim to help.

Mrs. Mathews furnishes the following statistics, which ought to awaken serious thought:

Eighty-four steamships from Europe land emigrants at the port of New York every month; of these twelve are from the Mediterranean, twenty from Germany, six from France, fourteen from Scandinavia, and thirty-two from British ports. Since your Missionary entered this field nearly 400,000 immigrants have passed through Castle Garden, and more than one-third of them were from the British Isles. The smallest number landed in a month was 8,213, and the largest number 61,133. Of the 321,786 landed in 1886, 180,478 were men, 85,340 were women, and 55,968 children under twelve years of age.

MISS MARTHA VAN. MARTER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New York East Conference.

The New York East Conference comes for the first time to lay her offering upon the altar of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and though the gift we bring seems very small compared with that of some of our older sisters, it is a very cheerful and hearty one, and comes freighted with many prayers. "We're glad we're in this army." We are nearly two years old as a Conference Society, but have seen scarcely one year of active service. It was unfortunate for us that our Conference Secretary was called away before we were fairly organized, and the work was dropped into hands already full. Thus little progress has been made in the organizing of auxilaries, and in general aggressive work, for lack of time to devote to it. Then this work is difficult in this Conference, because of several large, new, connectional enterprises, each just now clamoring for notice and aid, so that it is almost impossible to gain the ear of either pastors or people in the interest of any new society, even though it be the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

In spite of this we have been making public sentiment in our favor by public meetings in our churches, and especially by pushing our Local city work. This we deem of the most vital importance, situated as we are in the midst of a large and growing city; and the time of the Conference Secretary has been given chiefly to the establishment of an Industrial Home for working girls in one of the factory districts of Brooklyn. This work, which will be more largely reported at another time, has been very successful, even beyond our hopes, and we think only needs the co-operation of our general Society to make it one of the most influential and far-reaching in its results of any of the many departments of that many-sided work. It aims to give these girls who are employed in factories and shops during the day the opportunity for instruction in practical branches, and also to give them a quiet place where they may come for rest or entertainment in the long evenings, thus enticing them from the streets, and bringing them under the influence of Christian women.

We have a reading-room, a sewing-school and a mothers' meeting also in connection with this work, and employ a Missionary who does house to house visitation. We have evening classes in dress-making, millinery, writing, fancy work, mending, elocution, and reading. We would like during the coming year, with the permission of the Board, to open two more such places in different parts of the city, and so enlarge them as to make room for boarding and lodging those of our girls who have no homes. With a matron in charge, the girls could assist with the work, and these Homes could be made an object lesson to the whole community.

When the work of the Conference Society was put into my hands just one year ago, seven auxiliaries were reported, but I found only three of them living. One of these has been resuscitated, and a new one added, so that our statistical report now shows:

Auxiliaries.	5	Churches contributing not organized	2
Young Ladies' Circle	1	Subscribers to *Home Missions* . .	60
Children's Band.	1	Value of supplies sent	$ 250
Number of adult Members. . . .	487	Sent to General Fund, over. . .	4,500
" young lady Members .	50		
" children Members. . .	70		

Expended in Local work, $500, $250 of this being a donation from Brooklyn City Mission Society for Missionary salary. The past year of our work has been a time of foundation-laying; we hope the time to come may see many comely structures builded upon these foundations, and fruitful fields valiantly won over to the cause of Woman's Home Missions.

MRS. L. H. CARHART, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North Indiana Conference.

Reports received up to date, indicate the number of *active* auxiliaries to be 14, number of members 349, and 79 subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions.* Miss Kate Drake has been lately appointed organizer of this Conference, and has already organized several new societies. Through her efforts we confidently expect to have the whole Conference thoroughly organized this coming year.

LUCY E. ROBINSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North Ohio Conference.

The good things well done in the North Ohio Conference during the last year are many in number, elaborate in detail, and satisfactory in general results. Among other things, Mrs. Angie F. Newman gave to our Conference the entire month of June, during which time she gave fourteen public lectures in nearly as many of our larger towns and cities, held miscellaneous meetings and children's meetings unnumbered, and gave the anniversary address of the Conference Society, which was held at New London, June 15th and 16th. Our work takes on more definite shape in plans and in their execution, and our workers are delightfully harmonious in spirit and method. Some of our Districts are organized into associations; the District Secretary, in this case keeps a roll of the entire membership of her District; these members report to her either as auxiliaries or individuals; in this way many are gathered into the Society from places where an auxiliary is not practicable. Ten dollars were recently reported from such a charge. In one case, a single woman furnished a lecturer and made a life member, besides sending over $60 worth of supplies in the last year, and says: "I can do more without a society than with one."

At our Conference anniversary we adopted a scheme for a Home Missionary Reading Circle and Lecture Bureau, the details of which may be furnished, if desired. The plan was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and even more enthusiastically received by the preachers, whose hearts are beating in unison with us. A circular letter was sent out, inviting each preacher so disposed to go into our Lecture bureau, when twenty-six accepted, and were enrolled in our Conference Directory, with a goodly number of stars of greater magnitude, as honorary members, for churches prone to ambition in such matters. This assures a campaign of at least twenty-six lectures during the winter on the subject of our Mission fields, to which the profits are applied in accordance with the nature of

the clerical contract. Within a few weeks fifty names have been forwarded from two auxiliaries alone, with instructions for enrollment in the Reading Circle, while preachers are moving and reading up for their lectures. Finally it is our thought and aim, so to combine business and sentiment, that we may continue to sustain strength, harmony and proportion in all our work.

MRS. H. E. DOUD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Northern New York Conference.

We submit to you the first report of our organization, which has not the maturity of years, being but six months old. On April 14th, the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Northern New York Conference was organized, by the aid of our general Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Rust. Prior to this, a few auxiliaries already formed, were doing efficient work, and some charges, although sustaining no organization, were contributing money and supplies in aid of Home Missions, so that the aggregate amount accredited to the Conference was $507.27. In recognition of the new organization, the following resolution was passed by the Conference:

"*Resolved*, that we, as pastors, will welcome the agents of this Society, and aid them in forming auxiliaries on the charges under our care."

To the pastors, to the officers of the Society, and to the people, the work with its duties and demands, was new. Of the Managers, two of which were appointed on each Presiding Elder's District, some cheerfully accepted the office, having gained information concerning its duties, while from others we have failed to elicit any response; but amid many difficulties and discouragements, steady advancement has been made, a spirit of inquiry, (a most encouraging indication,) has been awakened, and the inspiration, which comes from assurance of success, is ours.

The statistics which we give do not justly represent the status of our work, for much seed has been sown, much effort put forth, the result of which is not yet fully manifest. We learn that several auxiliaries have been formed, which have not yet reported. We have eleven active auxiliaries, with an aggregate membership of 250, and about 175 subscribers for *Woman's Home Missions*. Several valuable boxes and barrels have been sent to the Little Rock Industrial Home, and to needy families in the West, while in other instances, the work has been confined to local charities. Although we have thus far accomplished much less than we proposed, we look hopefully toward the future. We hear the "sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees," and trust that He, in whose name we labor, and whose spirit we would ever seek, will accept and bless our efforts in behalf of His needy ones, and that we shall one day hear "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these—ye have have done it unto me."

HELEN D. FERGUSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North-west Indiana Conference.

Many things have prevented as much advance in our work during the past year as in former ones. Adverse circumstances, unforeseen at the beginning, have crippled our energies and stopped our progress, but the work remains in good condition, all things considered, and we hope to see it rapidly increase during the coming year. For want of some one to visit the unorganized portion of our Conference, but little has been done toward extending our work; but we *fervently* pray that before another year closes we shall be able, by pressing into every nook and corner of unoccupied ground, to report a Conference completely given to this work.

S. A. MATTHEWS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North-west Iowa Conference.

The past year's work in our Conference has been only fractional, owing to sickness and absence from the State of the Conference Secretary. Earnest effort has been made to redeem the time, and God has blessed the workers and the work. Of the ten auxiliaries and Bands at the beginning of the year, eight have labored more or less faithfully. Three new auxiliaries have been organized, and two Bands; besides these, two auxiliaries and five Bands have been organized on the fraternal plan, viz.: to divide the proceeds between the Home and Foreign Societies. So far as I know, mite-boxes have only been used by one Band—results, seven dollars in the treasury and the children enlisted in Missionary work.

The Mission Supply work has languished owing to discouragements from efforts in this line the previous year. New plans have been decided upon which it is expected will give zest to this department of work. The great majority of Churches in our Conference are struggling to build houses of worship and parsonages, or worse still, are pressed with debt. For this reason the Missionary work meets with many obstacles. The growth, though small, rooted as it is in self-denying love to God and humanity, can but bring forth precious fruit. Special work has been mostly for the Chicago Training-school. The work among the children deserves honorable mention, especially the Hubbard Band of boys. The words of their Secretary, in one of the quarterly reports, are well suited to us as a Conference: "We are a small Band, but through God's grace we can accomplish a great deal." MRS. J. P. NEGUS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North-west Kansas Conference.

At the commencement of this year we thought much work could be done for the cause we so much love. We intended to visit throughout our Conference, placing the work before the people, organizing wherever we could, and by thus doing create an interest in the hearts of all Christian women for the elevation of our own country-women; but God's plans are better than ours. Circumstances unforeseen have compelled us to remain at home, and only what I could do with pen and paper has been done, and only those who have such responsibilities and home duties to attend to know just how much prayer, faith and hard work it takes to keep everything moving along successfully. Last year I reported seven auxiliaries, and now but two can be heard from. The partial failure of crops in this part of Kansas has retarded the work much. We gave up our annual meeting, because money was so scarce we could not go, (and mostly ministers' wives are connected with the work) and before mid-winter several families of ministers will be in real suffering condition, unless help can be obtained for them. We sometimes say the darkest hour is just before day, and I trust it may be so for the Home Mission in our Conference; and while dark clouds gather around us thickly, we will clasp the hand of God tighter, feeling it is His work not ours, and trustingly ask him to care for it, and make it a blessing to many hearts which now are under heavy burdens.

MRS. W. J. MEREDITH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Ohio Conference.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Ohio Conference is closing the sixth year of its history. The Conference meeting held in Broad Street church, Columbus, was well attended and the business thoroughly transacted. Seven out of eight Districts were represented by efficient Secretaries or delegates. A number of interesting papers were presented, and the harmony and zeal that prevailed gave great promise of success. At the late session of the Annual Conference a meeting was held in the interests of the Society, which was ably

addressed. The next annual meeting will be held in Spencer church, Ironton. We trust the intervening months may be abundant in labor and results.

Number of Auxiliaries	48	Churches contributing without organization	6
Young Ladies' Circles	2	Life Members	26
Children's Band	1	Honorary Managers	1
"Mother's Jewels"	35		

MRS. T. W. STANLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Oregon Conference.

After an address by Mrs. Colonel Springer, September 3, 1887, in the Tabernacle, in Portland, Oregon, in five minutes thirty-seven names were secured, and later, four more; whereby, the Oregon Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized with forty-one members, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. S. Harrington; Recording Secretary, Mrs. B. J. Sharp; Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Wolfe; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. P. Webb, and Vice-Presidents and Managers for the Districts. Thirty subscribers for *Home Missions*. The subject was presented to the Conference and the resolution "That we will this year do our utmost for the Woman's Home Missionary cause" was unanimously adopted by that body. Had an evening been given, or a separate time from the union Foreign and Home anniversary, even better results would have been obtained.

MRS. COLONEL SPRINGER, *in behalf of the general Society.*

Philadelphia Conference.

The days and hours of another year have flown like a weaver's shuttle over the plane of time, and we gather from the four quarters of our great land, like the children of Israel coming up to Jerusalem, to give our report of the fabric woven in this our fourth year. We cannot bring it and spread it out before you, for only the clarified vision of eternity will reveal the texture and show the warp and woof—the prayers and tears here, the bits of bright coloring there, the broken, dropped stitches of lost or wasted opportunity all through; but if throughout can be seen the face of Him "for love of whom and in whose name" we have wrought at all, we are glad. We have kept our own in numbers, and not only so, but have increased our membership by 401. We took up as our special work building a Lucy Hayes School-house in Provo, Utah. Before our plans were matured the Congregationalist Church began to erect a $10,000 school building, and by advice of Bishop Walden and Mr. Franklin we turned our attention to the town of Logan, and will there locate our school, upon approval of the Board. The Pawnee agency has been partially in the care of the Philadelphia Conference Society, and reports of being well cared for have come to us from Mrs. Gaddis.

The supply department has been well sustained, and supplies to the amount of about $2,000 have been sent out. The paper, *Woman's Home Missions*, has been well supported, and the number of subscribers increased. The Local department of our work has been developed as never before, and we have secured a city Missionary and a couple of rooms, to be used for reading-rooms, mothers' meeting, sewing-schools, etc. We sadly record the death of one of our District Secretaries, Miss Emma Mecaskey, of the North Philadelphia District. Our President, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, has been indefatigable, apparently, in her labors in and for the cause, and our success is due largely to her efforts. We have contributed more than $2,300, for which we thank God and take courage; and we hope to do better in the future. We can now report:

Auxiliaries	34	Subscribers to the paper	446
Adult Members	1,661	Life Patrons	3
Juvenile Members	49	Life Members	26
"Mother's Jewels"	55		

MRS. C. W. BICKLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Pittsburgh Conference.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society is progressing in Pittsburgh Conference, not so rapidly as in some of the Conferences; and yet the work is gaining ground. Since this time last year six new auxiliaries have been organized and one old one revived. We now have fourteen live auxiliaries, and two or three partially organized, or at least sending clothing and other goods to needy ministers in the "Far West." We have nearly four hundred members enrolled; of this number nearly one-half have been added this year. One District meeting has been held during the year; it was addressed by Mrs. Rust, and resulted in the immediate acquisition of fifteen Life Members and several Annual Members, besides a marked increase in interest in this cause.

At our Conference Home Missionary anniversary a resolution was passed by the ministers present that they cordially endorse our work, and that they will throw open the doors of their churches and urge us to enter and form organizations. We realize that this is an important step gained in this direction. We can also see that this work is steadily growing in the public thought, from the fact that we are urged now to present the cause of Home Missions at camp-meetings as well as Foreign Missions. As one said in addressing the Conference in reference to our work: "The women in the Home Missionary Society appeal in their work to the tender side of our tough human nature." Our work in the coke regions will be reported by Mrs. Williams, Secretary of the Bureau of Local Work. Wherever we have the opportunity to present our work, the sympathies and convictions of the people are with us, and so we feel to thank God, and take courage to work harder and in more faith in the future.

MRS. M. J. SCHOYER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Puget Sound Conference.

Wednesday, September 7, in Olympia, Washington Territory, at call of Bishop Foster, the object of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was presented to the Conference by Mrs. Colonel Springer, and the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we have heard with pleasure the address of our Sister Springer, of Iowa, and are impressed with the scope of the work undertaken by that Society of consecrated women.

2. That, so far as practicable, we will encourage the organization of auxiliaries in our charges, and endeavor to promote the circulation of *Home Missions*, the organ of the Society.

On September 8, at 3 P. M., our anniversary was held; fifteen members were secured, and the Puget Sound Conference Society was organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. M. Flynn; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Hanson; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Brown; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. G. Le Sourd, and the officers for each District were duly elected. Great interest on location of the University "to be," and an afternoon meeting, gave us no counsel or aid from the clergymen. Thirty-one subscribers for the paper were secured by continuous solicitation of Mrs. Springer for three days, who also gave up the wonderful sermon of the Sabbath, to speak in Tacoma, where she organized, September 11, the first auxiliary in the Conference, with seventeen members

and seven subscribers. Many reported receiving "tea, coffee, ten dollars, and great help from the Supply department." It will be best now for those sending supplies to this locality to apply *first* to the wealthy Churches here on the coast.

MRS. CHARLES F. SPRINGER, *in behalf of the Society.*

Rock River Conference.

The objects of Home Missionary work to which our efforts have been principally applied the past year are the Model Homes of Atlanta and Little Rock, the Training-school, and the Bohemian work in the city, where a young man of promise, a native Bohemian has had charge of a Mission, with regular Sunday service and a prosperous Sunday-school. The project of the Alaska Home and School, which was taken up near the close of the year, elicited more than usual favor, and will be one of the leading interests of the coming year. Special donors this year have been Mrs. Philander Smith, of Oak Park, who has given $4,000 for the Little Rock Model Home, the building of which will soon be completed; Mrs. E. H. Gammon, of Batavia, $500 to the new Gammon Home, Atlanta, a fine, commodious structure, in which our Conference has had special interest from the beginning of the enterprise; Mrs. L. J. Button, of Evanston, $100 to the Training-school; and Mrs. A. B. Jackson, of Evanston, $100 to the Model Home, Atlanta. We have also sustained beneficiaries at the Training-school, at Atlanta, at Little Rock, at Savannah, and Greensboro. We have not come behind in supplies; many of our auxiliaries that have not sent large amounts of money to the Treasury have expended considerable sums in the purchase of valuable goods sent to the frontiers.

In enumerating these special objects we by no means ignore other and equally pressing departments of the Home work; but we have found it most availiable to an intelligent interest, and most productive of results, to work for a given time for definite ends, without restricting the choice of any in the legitimate work of the Society, The pressing needs of our great city are ever before our thoughts, and arrest the attention of many. Our design is to have all benefactions applied strictly to the purposes for which they are given, with the least possible expenditure; and the example of so pure a benevolence as the Training-school, carried on with so small an outlay, is a perpetual incentive to the spirit of self-sacrifice. Neither do we stagger at the promise "that always having all sufficiency in all things, we may abound unto every good work," for thus is "God able to make all grace abound towards us."

E. E. MARCY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Southern California Conference.

In this Conference Society there are ten auxiliaries, seven of which are working well. The past year has been hard and discouraging to the handful of workers, but our Conference meeting brought us some hopeful gleams. At that meeting Mrs. G. W. White was elected Conference Secretary, and we trust that in the near future, under a new Secretary, the work will enlarge and grow strong. I am sure it will be more popular, and consequently much easier for all, when we can take up the general work, which we ought to do before many years. Over $1,000 have been raised in the Conference this year, much of it in places where there were no organizations. I can give only the approximate membership. There are probably not over 200 members in the Conference.

MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

South-east Indiana Conference.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has been represented at all suitable gatherings within the bounds of the Conference during the past year. Two new auxiliaries have been organized, and others are being arranged for. There has been an increase in the collections, and a deep interest is taken in the Supply department. The auxiliary at Central Ave., Indianapolis, is furnishing supplies to a needy minister's family, and proposes giving something to the "Rust Home." Roberts Park Church has the only thoroughly organized Local work, and has already accomplished much good in seeking to elevate the lowly and relieve the suffering ones. They also aim to co-operate with other benevolent societies in the city, and by that means enlarge their influence and capacity for future usefulness. They have not neglected to contribute to the General fund. Connersville, Greensburg, Lawrenceburg, and Shelbyville are all doing excellent work; at other places they are taking collections, but not holding regular meetings.

We have distributed several hundred leaflets, and as far as possible circulated the last Annual Report. The mite-box has been used in a number of places. We have contributed over three hundred dollars to the General fund, and two hundred and fifty dollars to the Supply department. Our ministers, by their action at Conference, acknowledged this Society as doing a grand work in our country for our Church and for the glory of God. They extend their hearty co-operation, and promise to assist, and urge the organization in all churches where there are none. Altogether we are encouraged to go forward, trusting in Him who said, "My presence shall go with you."

C. S. CHAFEE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Texas Conference.

The work in this Conference moves along slowly, but surely; and though some things have transpired to try our faith, we have worked steadily all the year and expect to see our labors crowned with success. While laying the foundation for Mission schools in this Southland we must necessarily go slow; and though our work has been very varied, and at times very trying, we desire to thank God that our mind has been kept in peace. Hundreds of miles have been traveled, near thirty auxiliaries started, and many addresses given in the interest of the work of lifting up the youth of our land. A number of copies of our paper are taken, and a few "Mother's Jewels" enrolled.

A few of the brethren have encouraged and helped us, and others are getting quite interested in our work. Some sisters thought more ought to be done, but did not know what, and they are willing to do what they can to help carry on a work that has proved a blessing both to those who give, and those who receive. We are anxious to see the Model Home at Marshall, and pray God to prosper the enterprise.

MRS. ISABELLA HOWELLS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Troy Conference.

We are happy to be able to report progress in our Conference work. The work of organization has not been neglected, nor has our interest in Kent Home abated, while new lines of work have been taken up. The Committee appointed to attend the dedication exercises at Kent Home, was well pleased with the building, and all connected with it. Under the management of the efficient Superintendent, Mrs. S. D. Snow, a grand work is being done. Twelve girls have been trained in the various branches of womanly occupations. If time would permit, we could give facts to prove that our money and labor has not been spent in vain. Six of these girls have been supported by the auxiliaries of our Conference.

District meetings have been held on nearly all the Districts. A large amount of Missionary literature has been distributed; Local work has been carried forward by several of the societies, while the Supply department has more than doubled its contributions. The continued ill health of our President, Mrs. J. E. C. Sawyer, necessitated her resignation; while we regret her absence from our councils, we are fortunate in securing as her successor one so well qualified to fill the position, Mrs. O. J. Squires. At our Annual Meeting in May, we decided to take up work among the Indians, and the Ponca tribe in Indian Territory was assigned to us. Our Missionary is already there, having assumed charge of the work. As soon as the Government gives us the land, we shall erect a Mission building, the funds for which are in the Treasury, having been appropriated for this purpose.

In the matter of bequests and gifts we have been especially fortunate, having received from the Isabella Ward (of Gloversville) estate, a bequest of $839.45;. and from Mrs. Wm. Carpenter, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., a gift of $250, to erect a Mission building in Utah, to be named for her pastor, Rev. S. V. Leech; also, a gift of a fine cabinet organ from Mr. and Mrs. E. Green, of Troy, N. Y., to Elsinore, Utah. Our statistical report is as follows:

Auxiliaries	35	Increase, 10
Members of Auxiliaries	614	
Young Ladies' Circles	6	Increase, 2
Members of Young Ladies' Circles	164	
Mission Bands	3	Increase, 3
Members of Mission Bands	88	
Life Members	31	Increase, 1
Honorary Patrons	2	
Honorary Managers	1	
Subscribers to *Home Missions*	500	Increase, 100
Packages of Supplies sent to Destitute Families	55	
Value " " " "	$2,592.82	
Packages " " Kent Home	16	Increase, 4
Value " " " "	$424.80	
Total Packages of Supplies	71	
Value " "	$3,017.62	

MRS. E. W. SIMPSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Upper Iowa Conference.

From "over the plains" and the majestic Wasatch Mountains, whose snowy tops are gleaming in the sunlight, I send the report for the past year. January 22d, 1887, the young girls of Davenport organized as "Gleaners' Band," with "Golden Rod" as their emblem, and their success has been a real inspiration. An address has been given by the Conference Secretary at the following places, with indicated results:

May 15th, Jessup,	Members 16,	Subscribers to paper 6.		
" 22d, Blairstown,	" 13,	"	"	7.
" 29th, Epworth,	" 19,	"	"	8.
June 5th, Mechanicsville	" 11,	"	"	1.
" 26th, Fairfax,	" 26,	"	"	2.
July 10th, Viola,	" 17,	"	"	4.
Aug. 21st, Burr Oak	" 10.			

With one exception, the pastor has aided most nobly at each of these places in the organization of the auxiliary. Of the 61 societies and 4 Mission Bands, organized since August, 1882 (total 65), over 1,100 members may be claimed, and more than 400 subscribers for *Home Missions.* We have 82 Life Members, an increase of 36; though but four, Mrs. J. H. Stevens, Mrs. M. J.

McGregor, and two from Iowa City, paid the $20 at one time; the others were made Life Members from general funds, and not by personal gift. Continuous but unsuccessful effort was made during the Summer vacation for permission to visit Clinton, Marshalltown, and other rich churches in this Conference; but the itinerant wheel *must*, after such a series of years, put some pastor in sympathy with Home Missions into these charges, where grand societies will be formed. Our fond hopes for the District annual meeting were frustrated by a continuous call to the Coast Conferences, beginning last Winter; and though the Marion ladies thought I ought to go, they declined to go on with the gathering. The result of my journey across the Continent is four organized and fully officered Conference Woman's Home Missionary Societies: Oregon, Puget Sound, Columbia River, Idaho; and eleven auxiliaries, (with the expectation of organizing several more) giving a total of about 400 new members, and 179 new subscribers, as will be found duly reported under each Conference. If an Ohio woman, like dear Sister Strong, could live in every town, the results for the Society would be grand. Besides dues, donations, etc., of about $40, the Davenport ladies have given $18 for Local Missionary work. A quilt is being made by deft fingers in Jessup. From Maquoketa a barrel and $6 went to Utah, and much Local work has been done. From Mason City, we have made one Life Member, sent box to Nebraska worth $90, paid cash into the treasury $42, and $40 more to furnish a room in the Atlanta Home. This royal wife of the pastor also gave me the names of the newly elected Secretary and Treasurer. Is not *this* the Banner Society? Morrison ladies have sent a box, valued at $30, and $6 to Morristown Home. They are aided by Pastor Pottle. Independence Auxiliary has been greatly bereaved in the death of the beloved wife of the pastor, and Sister Sanford, whose lives and deeds are "as ointment poured forth." This society is flourishing.

Iowa City, with its 40 members, 36 subscribers, 12 "jewels," 2 Life Members, made $40 from a lawn sociable and a supper; from a musicale, $10; had a November Thank-offering day, when two boxes were filled with provisions, clothing, &c., and sent to the frontier ministers, worth $60; held the Young Ladies' quilting bee, in which three quilts were completed and sent to the Savannah Home, (worth $15), and $5 toward said Home; $10 were given to a beneficiary in the South; $20 to frontier ministers; $1.90 for Annual Reports; $1.20 for "Jewels"; $5 for circulating library; $2 to contingent fund. Blessed women! Royal workers! Jefferson Street, Waterloo, and Grace Church, have each sent donations abroad of real value. The former is a working auxiliary. Mt. Auburn cannot die with Mr. and Mrs. Rawson as helpers. The Hampton ladies "are more and more enthusiastic in the work." From Waverly, "We have raised in all, dues, box, etc., $83.75." From Hopkinton, "We have raised this year $30, $25 of which are money, the remainder a very nice quilt, and express charges, sent to the Adeline Smith Home. Sister Earhart always helps every good cause. Manchester's 45 grand members have aided in almost every department, while the "Mission Buds" number 30. Dec. 10th, a candy festival brought $12. "The next day we sent a box South, worth $25. In July, a crazy festival netted $14. In August, an ice cream social secured $12. For names on a quilt, $4.55; mite boxes, $1.53; collection, $7.36. We sent $25 to Georgia Patton, who is being educated for a colored Missionary to Africa, and will send $75 for her full support next year." May we not say of these, "Of such is the kingdom of Heaven?"

Burgess is full of zeal in Home Missions. Mt. Vernon has sent two boxes, worth $90, to Nebraska. "Our Society is prospering," the Secretary writes. "The Lord is opening our eyes to the needs of our own country, and touching our hearts with Christ's love. We will pledge $60 for some special work the coming year." There are fifty helpers here. DeWitt has sent two barrels, besides dues, etc. Marion reports cash $55, supplies $56. Epworth has a second barrel nearly ready, and is prospering. The Vernon Prairie Auxiliary has furnished a room this year, $30, "and just sent a pretty blue and white quilt to the Chicago Training-school, worth $4.50, and now numbers 28." Mrs. Dr. Wilbur has made the

Rockford Society a most wonderful success, and treasures have been sent out to be counted again by our Lord. One good woman and the Lord make marvelous majority! Anamosa never misses the quarterly tea; sent one box, worth $58, to Missouri, and full dues, etc., including $5.00 from Rev. Bishop Isbell.

I have recorded a faithful summary from the hundreds of reports received during the year, and those Missions not mentioned will therefore understand the omission, although the large majority are in successful operation. Over 100 Annual Reports have been taken; hundreds of letters and postals written in the interest of the Society; and to present date, Oct. 20, 1887, in Salt Lake City, the Conference Secretary has traveled without salary or pledge of railroad fare, 7,638 miles.

MRS. CHARLES F. SPRINGER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Vermont Conference.

As I turn the pages of the year to review the work of the Vermont Conference I can heartily thank God for the way in which He has led us, and feel that He has abundantly blessed all our feeble efforts to advance His kingdom in our own loved land.

The work has been slowly developing, until we now have:

Auxiliaries	23	Members,	274
Circles	4	"	54
Bands	7	"	154
Whole number of organizations	37	Increase,	15

About one hundred and forty children, organized and unorganized, have dollar cards to fill. Reports have been so imperfect I am not able to give the correct number of *Woman's Home Missions* taken, but hope the list has increased during the year.

Our Treasurer's book shows that over $500 have come into her hands, and one Band reports $23 sent to Mrs. Gaddis. Besides this, considerable has been expended for clothing for beneficiaries and freight on supplies. In many of our societies we have work for the hands, while some one reads the news from the Mission fields, and so twice each year we have been able to send to needy places such articles as must help the destitute to realize that the mantle of Christian charity reaches from North to South, from East to West. At our annual Conference last April we had several speakers who increased the enthusiasm of our workers, and brought conviction of duty to others. Dr. R. S. Rust and Rev. J. W. Hamilton spoke a good word for our Society and its work. Mrs. Daggett, Secretary of Bureau for Alaska, appealed to the hearts and the pockets of those present to help the Alaskans, and books were circulated to collect funds by shares to build a Home there, to which we will probably send one of our Vermont preachers as Missionary. The amount received I am not able to give. Mrs. Angie Newman gave a description of Mormon life, in a manner that gave much information, and thrilled the hearts of all. A collection was taken for work in Utah.

Last August Mrs. N. C. Alger, of New Hampshire Conference, visited four of our camp-meetings and addressed the people, and organized Bands at each place, each child receiving a dollar card to fill. In the last three months we have had other workers in the field. Our Conference President (Mrs. Frost) has spoken thirteen times and organized eleven Societies. The members of our Conference Board have tried to perform their duties faithfully, with many discouragements, but our constant prayer is for wisdom to know and to do His will. We feel that we have the sympathy and co-operation of a large number of the preachers of our Conference, and sincerely expect that more efficient work will be performed in the days to come.

MRS. J. O. SHERBURN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

West Nebraska Conference.

Each Annual Meeting of our Conference Society evidences more and more plainly that our preachers and many of our people in this new and great field are coming to understand what the Woman's Home Missionary Society is, as a helpful medium to many results among them. While heretofore it has almost wholly been looked upon as a beneficiary dispenser of aid, it is now coming to be regarded as an ambassador for Christ, in drawing hearts of love and gratitude to Him and into His Church. And from this fact we have evidence that pastors and Churches are feeling the importance of organizing auxiliaries at home for the greater benefits than mere temporal aid.

While we are not able to report, as yet, any great advance in the direction of auxiliary organization, many hope-inspiring indications are appearing, and we feel warranted in encouraging our timely benefactor in temporalities to expect an early equivalent return. In explanation of this seeming delay in organizing auxiliaries we say: it is next to impossible for one in older localities to comprehend the degree of organizing work necessary in such a rapidly-growing country as this. If it were possible for me or any one interested in this feature of our work to go through the Conference we feel assured that auxiliaries could be organized in a majority of the charges during the Conference year. Being in the field, we think we see it as many do not, and have a faith that the bread cast upon the waters by so many loving Christian hands shall be gathered in the near future with an increase that will repay their work and sacrifice. From feebleness in every sense we are coming to strength. As an instance, we cite the fact that our Missionary collection of this year was two hundred and fifty per cent. above that of last year, and well up to the two million line. For a continuation of such as this in the future our friends may look. Continue your good work toward us in our need, and we assure you that our labor together shall not be in vain.

MRS. W. G. VESSELS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

West Wisconsin Conference.

We are glad to report an increase in our work during the past year. We are growing steadily but slowly. We have organized during the year twenty-one auxiliaries, with a membership of five hundred and sixteen. Some of the older societies have more than doubled their membership; others have been sleeping during the summer months, but promise to resume work again soon. Four societies have died. We have now twenty-six wide-awake auxiliaries ready, we trust, for good work. This Conference has raised during the year for various purposes, including dues, Local and frontier work, the sum of $616.62. It is hard to get some of our societies to fully report their work. The desire and aim of each auxiliary is to do considerable Local work. Our Conference Board is contemplating a systematic plan for Local work this year, so that it will not interfere with raising funds for other causes. Several auxiliaries have proposed this coming year to send forty dollars each to some one of the Homes for the support of a girl.

Every society is anxious to do all it can where it is most needed, but just now there seems to be a loud call in our own Conference for help. We are opening up new Mission fields in the northern part of this State, where the Gospel is not heard; where all is dark, dark as night. The Conference this year has sent consecrated men into these fields, with very small salaries. Many of our auxiliaries feel we should aid them all we possibly can. May the Lord bless every effort to promote his work.

MRS. M. BENSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Wilmington Conference.

The Home Missionary Society of the Wilmington (Delaware) Conference was organized at the annual session of the Conference in Snow Hill, Md., on the

16th of March, 1885, by Mrs. J. F. Willing. Owing to the resignation of the Corresponding Secretary, and lack of information concerning the work, nothing was attempted until January, 1886, when Mrs. Willing came to Wilmington and organized auxiliary societies in three of our city Churches. Since then the Home Missionary Society has been slowly but surely gaining a place in the hearts of our people. Many of our Churches are not able to do more than to sustain themselves and the societies already existing in them. Some of our ministers are in hearty sympathy with the work, and would be glad to have auxiliaries in their Churches were it possible. We have held two Conference anniversaries, having for speakers at the first one Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, of Philadelphia, and Bishop Mallalieu; at the second, Mrs. Angie F. Newman and Dr. Hartzell. On April 27, 1887, was held our first annual meeting. The afternoon session was devoted to reports from auxiliary societies, election of officers, etc.; in the evening we had the pleasure of having with us our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust, who greatly increased the interest in the cause by her forcible presentation of the vastness of the field for Home Mission work.

Our chosen line of work is the building of the Industrial Home at New Orleans. In addition, we have sent boxes of supplies to the frontier, and to the Industrial Homes and Schools. We find the people always ready to help pack a box, and hope box-packing may be the initiative of many a flourishing auxiliary in our Conference. Two public entertainments have been given for the benefit of the Society—a musicale and "Kaffee Klatch"—the net proceeds amounting to $265.69. We have 7 Auxiliary Societies, 369 Annual Members, 3 Life Members, 13 "Mother's Jewels," 126 subscribers to *Home Missions*, and 1 Honorary Manager. Total collected in cash, supplies and Local work since our organization, $1,192.41. We have not done all we desired, yet hope at the close of another year to be able to report a large increase in auxiliaries, as well as in every other department of the work.

EMMA L. WELDIN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Wyoming Conference.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Wyoming Conference brings to this convention a report of more decided success for its year's work than for any year previous. We have at present 13 active auxiliaries, with a membership of 327; 4 Young Ladies' Circles, numbering 173 members, with 5 Mission Bands of 202 members, making a total of 702, an increase of 348 over that of last year. Last October we could report but 2 Life Members, whereas 10 are now recorded as such. Scranton, one of our largest cities, has but recently responded to our importunate pleading to come in. The work there we believe to be in interested hands and hearts, and promises grand results. The Willing Mission Band, of Binghamton, which had done such noble service, was necessarily dropped for want of a competent directress. One has recently been secured, and we trust it will soon be thoroughly reorganized. Mrs. Dr. Rust, in her usual sincere and earnest manner, presented the interests of the South before our Conference in April, when we decided to adopt for our work the new Home at Little Rock. While hearts already interested in all Home Mission fields have been willing to undertake that particular line, we felt, however, after an address by Mrs. Mathews, of Castle Garden, that no work appealed so strongly to our people, generally, as that of the Barbara Heck Home. Although Mormondom pleaded so eloquently for help through Mrs. Newman, the tide of immigration, with its drinking, desecration of the Sabbath, and unprotected womanhood, was felt to be more closely allied to our own lives and interests. At a Conference Executive Board meeting, held October 25, 1887, it was decided to transfer our work from Little Rock to Castle Garden.

Believing that plans might be devised whereby better results, both in organizing societies and money-raising, could be secured, we agreed to apportion, according to wealth and number of charges, to each District a certain sum of the

moneys to be raised above membership dues in the Conference during the coming year, thus throwing upon the District officers the responsibility of bringing up their respective localities to a creditable showing. In every case the share assigned, we believe, has been large enough to necessitate new organizations. A deep interest has been awakened in the Supply department, and few of our auxiliaries during the past year have failed in attending to its demands, while a number of charges, unable to admit organizations, have found it possible to provide for needs on the frontier. Supplies valued at $1,221.36 have within the year been sent from our midst on their errands of mercy. With one hand in our Master's and the other upon our work, we enter upon this new year with the assurance that whatsoever we ask in His name shall be given us; and, truly, we are asking great things.

MRS. E. S. TUPPER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Reports from Committees.

Report on Missionary Intelligence.

We again come with a very brief report from this Committee. We believe its formation was eminently wise, and as far as possible we have tried to carry out its design of furnishing help and information to Secretaries and others. Our only embarrassment has been the lack of material to meet the demands so often made on its resources, our reluctant responses so often being "everything sent out," "nothing to send you" to the many requests for help. We would again ask for manuscript letters from Missionaries in the field, or for matter of any kind that can be thus used as *loans* to help awaken interest, and develop Home Missionary knowledge.

MRS. S. W. THOMSON, *Chairman.*

Report on Mite-Boxes.

During the year, from November 1st, 1886, to November 1st, 1887, there were sent out under my direction:

Mite boxes	2,707
Mite jugs	29
Mite barrels	2,176
Total	4,912

From April last mite barrels were exclusively sent out—being cheaper, more durable and less liable to injury from transportation, while they have the additional advantage that they can be repeatedly used, whereas boxes and jugs are destroyed by being opened. The jugs cost $3.00, the boxes $2.20, and the barrels only $1.80 per hundred, which includes packing. The barrels are furnished free on application, the cost of transportation being paid by the receiver; and it is found that it is cheaper to send them by express than by mail. It was my desire to be able to report the total amount collected in mite barrels and boxes during the year, but the reports sent in to me are so meagre in *number* that it is impossible to do so. It appears, that the mite collections, as a rule,

have been mingled with other funds, and thus transmitted to the general Treasurer of the Society, without being separately designated. The following collections are the only ones reported, although application was made to each Conference Corresponding Secretary:

Vermont Conference	$ 20.38	Mooresville, Ind.	$ 9.50
New England Conference	111.37	Greensburg, Ind.	6.73
Troy, N. Y.	48.09	New Hampshire Conference	11.56
Genesee Conference	48.74	Iowa Conference	6.43
Erie Conference	52.90	Ohio Conference	9.76
Syracuse, N. Y.	21.00	North Ohio Conference	15.00
Philadelphia, Pa.	138.84	Central Ohio Conference	49.24
Canton, Pa.	16.25	Cincinnati Conference	242.48

There is reason to believe that the mite collections were quite large, and exceeded the amounts heretofore collected, and it is hoped that in the future it will be possible to obtain the amount of the aggregate collections during the year. It has been my wish always to realize from each barrel or box during the year, at least 100 pennies. Much to my pleasure a number of Societies have filled the order. Systematic giving as a rule should be adopted. One Conference Secretary has my sympathy, Mrs. Isabella Howells, Harrisburgh, Texas, who writes that it is impossible to ascertain the gross collections in her Conference, as she has distributed her mite boxes over 400 miles of territory.

In order to know at the end of each year what these mite collections are, the account should be kept separate, and should be reported to the Conference Secretaries, who will report the amount thus collected to the general Committee on Mite-Boxes, at Cincinnati, Ohio. During the year, barrels and boxes have always been promptly sent when applied for, except in a few instances where the manufacturer neglected to fill the order, or where the person applying omitted to give her name or residence, or the same was illegibly given or so abbreviated as to render it impossible to fill the order until another appeal had been made by the writer or writers. Some complaints have been made at the cost of transportation, which is larger where the place of destination is not on railway routes. This item of expense should be considered before boxes are sent for. In making application, the name and residence should be distinctly and fully given. The receipt of the barrels should be promptly acknowledged, and it should be remembered that not less than twenty-five will be sent at one time to any given address, and that it is not practicable to send samples. As the work becomes better understood more systematic effort will follow, and it will be possible to make the mite-box collections a reliable source of revenue annually, the amount of which will depend largely on the activity of the women of the Society.

MRS. W. M. AMPT, *Chairman.*

Report on Home Missionary Reading Circle and Lecture Bureau.

The committee appointed at the late Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, under date of October 30, 1886, to consider the plan there presented for instituting a Reading Circle in connection with our work, beg leave to report:

We have carefully studied the plan, and we approve it in all important particulars, the substance of which we submit in the following recommendations: We recommend that the Woman's Home Missionary Society create a Bureau to be known as the "Home Missionary Reading Circle and Lecture Bureau."

OBJECT.

The object of this Bureau is to systemize a course of reading which shall consist of a few books, well chosen, the whole embracing about two books per year for a period of three years, consecutive or otherwise, the whole covering our

Mission fields, including Temperance. The Chautauqua movement has demonstrated the fact that education may be perpetuated beyond the bounds of school life by a system of Reading Circles; not by heavy tasks, suddenly done, but by short lessons in worthy literature, forming a habit of life. We believe that a course of reading in connection with dues, suitably stimulated by tokens of recognition, will insure regularity of dues and subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions*, besides generating a deeper and more intelligent interest in our work. We live in the midst of a great nation, in a time of great peril, and we believe that a knowledge of our resources and our dangers will stimulate thrift and quicken Missionary activity. The spirit of Missions grows with cultivation, and does not exhaust in giving. Our children, almost invariably, gravitate West, South, or into large cities, to rear families, build fortunes, and to grow up with the country; our Church is our home, and our nation is our door-yard. What seed we sow will bear fruit of its kind, as the legitimate inheritance of those who shall follow in our footsteps. Our foreign Missionaries cannot sail from a seaport in America without first cutting their way through armies of the very class of heathen they go abroad to seek and to save, and we believe that a knowledge of the condition of the Mission fields in our own country will not only stimulate activity in the home field, but it will help the home work to become antecedent to foreign work.

Meetings.

Nothing can thrive without substance, and we believe that a system of readings, reviewed by a lecture or a course of lectures, where convenient, is the present necessity among our auxiliaries; we believe that our own pastors are fully competent, and glad of the privilege of thus aiding the Woman's Home Missionary Society to the end of a better understanding of our perils and their remedies through Home Missions; we, therefore, recommend the following

Plan.

There shall be created a Bureau known as the "Home Missionary Reading Circle and Lecture Bureau." The Bureau shall consist of a Secretary, annually elected, and a committee chosen as in the case of other bureaus of work, together with the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, who, by virtue of their office, shall constitute a co-operative committee to operate the plan in their respective Conferences.

Circle.

There is but one general Circle which centers in the Bureau, in which a membership is entirely voluntary, and an individual affair, in no way interfering with the present form of membership in the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The same dues paid to the same treasury, in the same way, answer for both, and the only additional tax in order to become a member of the Reading Circle, as well as the Woman's Home Missionary Society, is the reading of the books.

Reporting.

Each one who wishes to become a member of the Reading Circle must send her name to her Conference Corresponding Secretary, who shall enter all names sent her on a Conference roll. *Conference Secretaries* shall report in summary, with items of interest to the Secretary of the Bureau, who shall report quarterly to the General Executive Board, in keeping with other Bureaus of work. The quarterly blanks for reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society shall include the question: "How many members in the Home Missionary Reading Circle?"

Communication.

We recommend as a means of communicating with the women of the Society at the least expense, that a column in *Woman's Home Missions* be at the disposal of this Bureau, with the privilege of an occasional circular letter for miscellaneous distribution.

Course of Reading.

We recommend for the first year the following requirements, which will be the same for all years, the books to give place to other books on other Mission fields: Pay annual dues to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, $1.00; pay annual dues to Conference fund, 5 cts.; read *Woman's Home Missions;* read *Our Country, by Josiah Strong, D. D.;* read *A Century of Dishonor, by Helen Hunt Jackson.*

Badge.

We recommend that for the first year's reading a badge of red ribbon be awarded; for the second year's, white; and for the third year's, blue, the whole constituting our national colors.

Certificate.

We recommend that all who complete the course be entered upon a *roll of honor,* and that a testimonial certificate be given to all who have finished the course and have so reported to their Conference Secretaries.

Need.

We recognize a general need for a universal system corresponding to the plan of this Bureau, a need that does not confine itself to our Society, nor to the Methodist Episcopal Church. We trust the time may come when a system of graded Missionary readings, with dues, may be instituted from some source broader than the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and honored with a diploma, in which our present course may count for a degree upon the presentation of our certificate.

At Large.

No Church can provide for more than its own necessity, and the only institution in existence able to supply a general need is the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, which we trust may yet evolve a plan of which our course may be a part.

Seal.

In the absence of a general plan, and in view of the fact that many of the members of our Society are now or may yet become members of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, together with the other fact that a seal is already provided in that Circle for a line of readings in foreign Missionary literature, we recommend that the Board of Managers of said Circle be invited to approve our course and adopt it as a seal to a diploma in the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, upon the presentation of a certificate from the Home Missionary Reading Circle, or by otherwise complying with such terms as may be satisfactory. And we recommend, further, that the said Managers be invited to enter our course in their hand-book for use among their patrons, since the Mission fields are the same for all denominations, though their modes of operation in them may differ.

Summary.

To become a member of the Home Missionary Reading Circle requires only that, in addition to annual dues, two books per year (probably) upon our Mission fields be read, in connection with *Woman's Home Missions,* for a space of three years, and reported as herein provided.

Red, White and Blue Lecture Bureaus.

Preachers who pledge themselves to pay $1.05 dues, to read the course, and to give one or more lectures on subjects treated of in these books during the year to their own Church, or by way of exchange or invitation to the Church of another pastor, the proceeds of which, whether in door fees, collections or otherwise, go to the Treasury of the Society, thereby become members of the Red, White and Blue Lecture Bureau.

Mrs. H. E. Doud, *Chairman.*

Report on Leaflets.

The expenses and receipts of the Leaflet department, for eight months, beginning with Feb. 1st, are shown in the following itemized account:

For Freight charges on Pamphlets	$ 1.25
" Printing, 5,000 copies of "Our Mite Box"	5.00
" " " " "Need for Home Missionary Society," etc.	4.00
" " " " "Reasons Why," etc	5.00
" " " " "Chosen Instruments"	8.00
" " " " "Mormon Polygamy"	4.00
" 6 Electrotype Plates	4.50
" Postage on Leaflets and Pamphlets, from Feb. 1st to Oct. 1st.	12.15
Total expenses	$ 43.90
Total receipts for Leaflets and Pamphlets, from Feb. 1st to Oct. 1st	32.23
Expenses above receipts	$ 11.67
Whole number of Leaflets distributed	46,245
" " "Pamphlets "	1,696

MRS. E. E. MARCY, *Chairman.*

Report on Bequests.

On the 20th of October, 1886, the Society was advised that a suit was pending in Cleveland, Ohio, to contest the will of Mary A. Clark, of that city, who left a bequest of $1,000. The attorneys, who represent the German Wallace College, and one of the devisees were directed to represent our Society. The defense was successful. By a letter from our attorneys, dated March 22, 1887, we are informed that the executors of Mrs. Clark propose to retain the fund until the debts are settled, which will be some 18 months hence. We could get the money by giving a bond to return it in case it be needed to pay the debts of the estate. It was thought not advisable to do this. Mrs. Eliza A. Southnell, of Syracuse, N. Y., who died March 20th, 1887, bequeathed to our Society two hundred dollars, which we are assured by the executor, will be paid sometime in January, 1888. Mrs. Jane King, of Delaware Co., Ohio, willed to our Society $1,500. She gave nearly all her property to benevolent institutions, and the heirs, all distant relatives, are contesting her will. Not knowing that our Society was incorporated, the bequest was made to the Freedmen's Aid Society in trust for us. We are assured that Dr. Rust is looking after the matter, as the Freedmen's Aid Society is interested as well.

Last March we learned that Mrs. Isabella Ward, of Gloversville, N. Y., had made a bequest in our favor of $1,000. Later, the executor paid this sum to the Society at Gloversville toward the building fund of Kent Home. An examination of these wills convinces us, that a lack of information exists in regard to the proper name and powers of our Society. Hence, it becomes imperative that the widest information should be given to the fact that our Society is incorporated, and attention should be called to our corporate name. Very great trouble and delay, as well as serious questions as to our right to the property devised to us, will be avoided thereby.

MRS. M. B. HAGANS, *Chairman.*

Report of the Editor of Woman's Home Missions.

It was in a little room in St. Paul church, Cincinnati, four years ago that a band of ladies, weary and worn, sat toiling over the problems of the then new organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. I sat there by invitation, an observer only.

In the midst of the deliberations two ladies sitting by a little table suddenly lifted up their heads from a close consultation. These ladies were Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Whetstone. Mrs. Whetstone, with the gravity belonging to great persons, said, "I move the Woman's Home Missionary Society have a paper of which Mrs. Bugbee and Mrs. McCabe shall be editors." My heart stood still at being so suddenly brought to a decision, having decided I would do no more public work. During the silence Mrs. Davis, the Chairman, rose from her seat, and in a whisper of sweet command in my ear said, "Calista, don't you refuse. It is of the Lord." I thought, "Well, I used to edit the paper for our literary club. I can do this work and stay at home, and will never be required to go away and make a speech," and so I concluded I would try to help Mrs. Bugbee. Upon this the vote to have a paper, with Mrs. Bugbee and Mrs. McCabe editors, was taken in the affirmative. Then Mrs. Whetstone said with great solemnity, "Name this child." This proved to be a matter of discussion, and was referred. As the Society is a weighty one with a weighty object, we rejected all fanciful cognomens and decided upon the name *Woman's Home Missions*, as directly indicating the nature and scope of the periodical. Mrs. Bugbee decided that she could not undertake it. She, however, consented to be editorial correspondent and to take charge of the monthly Concert Lesson. These she has prepared with much care and labor without remuneration, her best and only reward being the fact that many auxiliaries appreciate and use them. Her sweet poems, always superior, sometimes come into our columns like the bouquets on the platform which relieve the tediousness of business with their color and fragrance.

Then the ladies said: "We commit the paper to your care. Manage it as you can, and find a publisher." Bishop Wiley was always ready to "lend us a hand," and sent me such papers as he thought models, and said, "Publish where you are in Delaware." I went home and got estimates of prices at different printing offices, and then I sat down in silence and waited for my publisher. As soon as Mrs. Thomson rose above my mental horizon I said, "Yes; she is the one," and put on my wraps immediately and went and told her so. She declined; thought it was new work, and she, like myself, didn't intend to take any more public burdens. She inquired if we would not be responsible for the debts of the paper. I said, "Yes, because we sign the contract; but the Executive Board is back of us, and will never see us go to prison." I said I would bring Esther Pugh, an old editor and publisher, who would give us all needed instruction. Thus I persuaded her. Esther came; she told me what type to use for this and for that, and showed me how to "make up a *dummy*." She went with Mrs. Thomson, selected her books, and informed her regarding the best management of them and her work as publisher. She rendered invaluable assistance, as Mrs. Thomson lovingly remembers. Well, I arranged my articles for the paper. Mrs. Williams', I think, was the first, and Mrs. Strong's, of Walla Walla, followed, both in orthodox long primer type, as was the editorial. To one who looks for providences nothing happens. I did not notice at the time, but since I have felt it was significant—the first poem of our first paper. The steps of a good man are all ordered of God, and Esther Tuttle Pritchard, a woman of God, then residing in my family, said she had a poem for me. The title of that poem is, "Do Ye Nexte Thynge." We had in Missionary lines done the next thing by organizing the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and we had done the next thing by starting a paper. That is the Lord's way—step by step, going on *doing the next thing*. And how pleased we were when we saw the face of our first paper. According to printers' rules it is the prettiest of all that have followed. I think we looked upon it as the mother looks upon her first little one; and I never lose my delight in each new one, but always hurry to the office to get a first glimpse of the new arrival; and though it may not be very pretty, I always hope, as parents do, that it has come to be a blessing.

I cannot close this narrative without recognizing the prompt financial help of Mrs. Whetstone. While we still had our hands and shoulders to the wheel of our finances, she obtained many valuable advertisements and long lists of subscribers, sparing neither expense nor labor. To Mr. J. M. DeCamp we are in-

debted for our largest advertisement; and we are also largely indebted to the Central Life Insurance Company, and to Mr. Boughton, of Philadelphia, who still continues his liberality. I must above all recognize the loving words and kind encouragement I have received from so many members of this magnificent organization. Patiently you wait, biding your time for the article you feel so necessary to the work, trusting that your editor is doing as well as she can. For this I thank you from my heart. Exchanges crowd upon me with commendatory words. Periodicals so large and valuable I would not presume to ask for them have come in exchange for our modest little paper. Among them are the *Presbyterian Home Missionary*, the *Home Mission Monthly*, the Missionary papers of the Baptist, Episcopalian, and other denominations, and, later, Edward Everett Hale's paper. *Lend a Hand* also comes asking exchange, and speaking of interest in our pages. Here, dear friends, is the history, in part, of your little paper. I hope you will every one take it to your heart, the little four-year-old child, which still needs tender nursing, and thousands more of substantial friends. May it never grow less, but continue to be an inspiration and a blessing until its race is ended.

MRS. H. C. MCCABE, *Editor.*

Report of the Publisher of "Home Missions."

But few of you realize the financial struggle that has attended these four years of our little paper's life, enabling it on its own limited income to come out each year, except the last, without drawing on the Treasury. The first two years this was accomplished by your Publisher doing all the work pertaining to her office, and using the strictest economy in expenses. The third year, at Philadelphia, you kindly raised the salaries of Editor and Publisher $100 each, and voted $200 for a clerk to lighten office work. Our subscription list had then run up to eight thousand, and I made a close estimate that if we could reach twelve thousand, and have three or four pages kept full of advertisements, we could still meet even this added expense of four hundred dollars, with the income from the paper. By great effort on the part of our workers this subscription list was raised, as I had requested, to over eleven thousand, and by the help of devoted friends, nearly four pages of advertisements were secured us all the year. The requirements asked for being so nearly met, we were with strict economy again enabled to meet expenses, and came out with a little over twelve dollars in the treasury at the end of the third year. For this fourth year now closing, we are sorry to report subscriptions fallen back nearly two thousand, while most of the year we have averaged not more than one and one-half pages of advertisements, netting a decrease in receipts of some hundreds of dollars. This has laid on your Publisher the added embarrassment, after a vain effort to conquer impossibilities, of coming out in debt $330.97. We have failed to solve this mystery of such heavy loss in subscriptions. We are told that the Foreign Society has experienced a corresponding falling off in subscriptions to "Heathen Woman's Friend." As I now hand over to you this interest, that like a tenderly loved *child* has laid on my heart these four years, it is with tears and regret. Tenderest memories follow my resignation (now in the hands of the Committee on the paper) and will ever flow out towards the many devoted friends with whom I have been connected in its interests, for the love and Christian charity that have ever met me in my work, and for all the beautiful sun-shine that has so often flowed into our office of care and anxiety from correspondence with them. The workers fail, but the work because His goes grandly on.

FINANCIAL SHOWING.

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions, 9,576	$2,394 00
Advertisements	326 00
Donations by cash, small change	23 07
From General Fund for Mother's Jewels	25 00
Total receipts	$2,768 07

Balance on hand from last year		$12 19
Grand total		$2,780 26

EXPENSES.

Printing, mailing and putting lists in type	$2,211 10	
Salaries	600 00	
Clerk	131 35	
Postage, stationery, P. O. box, postal cards, etc	124 80	
Stamps and sundries	43 98	
Total expenses		$3,111 23
Deficit		330 97

MRS. S. W. THOMSON, *Publisher.*

Report on Woman's Home Missions.

The Committee on Woman's Home Missions reports as follows:

1. We recommend that Mrs. H. C. McCabe be continued as Editor.

2. Whereas, Mrs. Thomson, while expressing the warmest interest in the paper, feels compelled to decline re-election, we recommend that Miss Mary Belle Evans, a young lady who has been associated with Mrs. Thomson from the organization of the paper, be appointed to the position of Publisher.

3. Your Committee believes that the interest of our women in Home Missionary Work is in direct proportion to their knowledge of it, and that there is no better agency for obtaining this knowledge than our excellent little paper. We would therefore most forcibly remind our ladies that often the best Missionary work they can do is to get subscribers for *Home Missions*. No auxiliary will live very long or grow very large without it, and for the interest of the cause it should constantly be urged upon the attention of our societies until our ideal is reached—as many subscribers as we have members.

MRS. J. L. WHETSTONE, *Chairman.*

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

Report on Transportation.

I began preparing for the transportation of delegates and visitors to the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, in June last, with the view of obtaining the names of those who would probably attend. My correspondence extended to twenty-five States, one Territory and the District of Columbia. Hundreds of letters were written and answered, in relation not only to transportation, but as to what the arrangements would be for the entertainment of delegates and visitors while at Syracuse. I succeeded in obtaining a reduction in the return railroad fare, so that the rate was full fare going, and one-third returning; and to every one whose name was furnished on *time*, a circular explanatory letter with blank certificate was sent. The whole number sent west of Buffalo was 94, and east of that point the number sent was 200.

For efficient aid rendered by Mrs. J. E. Salter, of Philadelphia, and by the local Committee of Syracuse, consisting of Mrs. J. F. Pease and Mrs. J. L. Willard, I hereby return my most sincere thanks. For courtesies shown by Messrs. S. F. Pierson, President, and Wm. Flemming, Secretary of the Trunk Line Association; Mr. Geo. H. Daniels, Vice-President of the Central Traffic Association; Mr. C. T. Hendrickson of the Bee Line, and Mr. P. B. Brayton of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, at Syracuse, I desire to extend most hearty thanks in behalf of our Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Last, not least, I owe a debt of gratitude to the faithful, untiring efforts of the Conferenee Corresponding Secretaries from Maine to Texas, from Rhode Island to the Pacific. Through their labors, no doubt, many persons are now in attendance at the convention, who would not otherwise have been. May God bless the efforts of the women of our land who are doing such noble work for such a good cause.

MRS. W. M. AMPT, *Chairman.*

Report on the Training-School.

The specific objects of the Chicago Training-school, as set forth in its announcement for the year, are the following:

1. To give to any one who desires it a broad, basal knowledge of the Word of God.
2. To afford a thorough drill in Methods of Teaching.
3. To give general information concerning Missionary Fields.
4. To afford an opportunity for Courses of Lectures on Elementary Medicine and Nursing.
5. To give practical training in the Missionary work of our large city, by Industrial schools, and house to house visitation among the neglected classes.
6. To furnish a true home under Christian and Missionary influences for our students, and to give practical training in domestic work and management, under the care of a competent matron.
7. To test those offering themselves for home or foreign Missionary fields, both as to physical strength, mental fitness and consecrated purposes.
8. To aid Churches and pastors in the present great emergency in city Missionary work.

Every part of this design has been accomplished during the year in the school, which is now fully equipped for its work. The embarrassment of insufficient accommodations, under which it was inaugurated, have given place to a fine building, large, light, and well adapted both in location and construction to the purpose for which it was erected. A family of forty-seven, including officers and students, have during the past year enjoyed the comforts of the new Home; and the school opens for the coming year with additional numbers, taxing its full capacity. The usual routine of work, lectures and drill has been carried forward, regular portions of time being given to each department, and every student required to have part in all. (For particulars of instruction and drill, see page 99, Fifth Annual Report of Woman's Home Missionary Society). All instruction is freely given by a corps of officers, lecturers and teachers, as follows:

TEACHERS AND LECTURERS. *

RESIDENT.

Lucy Rider Meyer . . . . . The Bible.
Rev. J. S. Meyer . . . . . Bible and Church History.
Miss M. A. Newton . . . . . Director of City Mission Work.
Mrs. A. A. Abbott . . . . . Matron.

BIBLICAL AND GENERAL.

Prof. M. S. Terry, D.D. . . . . Methods of Bible Study.
Prof. C. F. Bradley, D.D. . . . . New Testament Greek.
Rev. A. W. Patten . . . . . Evidences and Doctrines.
Rev. R. W. Bland . . . . . Bible Interpretation.
Rev. H. G. Jackson, D.D. . . . . Epochs in O. T. History.
Wm. E. Blackstone, Esq. . . . . Mission Field Abroad.

* In addition to the regular lectures, eminent men and women, returned Missionaries, and specialists in various fields give frequent addresses and lectures before the students, as opportunity offers. In 1885-6, Bishops Bowman and Foster, Dr. Vincent, Misses Holbrook and Fairweather, Dr. Parkhurst, Dr. Best, Mr. McGrew, Deacon Willard and Captain Moreton, were among those who thus favored us.

Rev. G. W. Gray, D.D. . . . . Mission Field at Home.
Mrs. E. E. Marcy . . . . . Mission Field at Home.
Rev. D. R. Breed, D.D. . . . . Illustrative Bible Lectures.
Wm. B. Jacobs, Esq . . . . . Analytical Bible Study.
Rev. John Williamson, D.D. . . . . Analytical Bible Study.
Mary Allen West . . . . . Director of Temperance Instruction.
Miss Boomer . . . . . Kindergarten Principles for Industrial Schools.
Rev. H. W. Bolton, D.D. . . . . Singing.
Prof. Soper . . . . . Elocution.

MEDICAL.

I. N. Danforth, M. D. . . . . General Medicine.
R. L. Leonard, M. D. . . . . Anatomy and Physiology.
E. H. Root, M. D. . . . . Hygiene.
D. W. Graham, M. D. . . . . Surgical Emergencies.
Miss Dora Traylen . . . . . Nursing.
Sarah Hackett Stevenson, M. D. . . . . Diseases of Women.
Chas. W. Earle, M. D. . . . . Diseases of Children.

The work of the whole institution, including the service of the pupils among the needy population of the city, is a pure gratuity. Thus every penny donated goes directly to the purpose for which it is given. One hundred dollars supports a pupil for the year. There are no endowment funds in any department, but provision has been made, in some cases, for the support of individual students who have proved worthy, and have been unable to pay their own way. Such cases, supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, are reckoned as beneficiaries, and are so accredited. The results of the work already appear. Of the forty students in attendance the past year all have been engaged in the city work, making in all 2,795 religious visits, and teaching 5,432 pupils in Industrial, Kindergarten and Sunday-schools. Thus the direct practical benefit of the school comes first to the Home work. There are now eleven in the different departments of the Home work: four are in Utah, three in Indian Territory, and four in City work.

Our new building claims a little space in this report. September 13, 1886, a band of the faithful gathered under weeping skies for the ceremony of laying the corner-stone. Bishop Foster was present with judicious and encouraging words. Among other things he said: "It is a great thing that these students can have this training, and that part of it is that they are indentured to the very hardest Mission work, in the hardest part of Chicago." February 17 the house was ready for dedication A bright morning dawned, but the rain poured before noon, adding force to Mrs. McCabe's words, who represented the Home Missionary Society on the occasion. She said: "A Home Missionary meeting is like the building of the second temple in the rain. It always rains on great Home Missionary days." There still remains a debt of $4,000 on the building, which we wish those who are stewards of God's bounties to consider. "The blessing of God in this work has been so manifest from the beginning that we sometimes say that the building is a gift from Him, just as really as if it had come slowly creaking down from heaven on ropes and pulleys; but it is none the less true that an immense amount of patient, persevering, downright hard work has been given to the enterprise, by those most closely connected with it." June 14, the first graduating exercises took place at Grace church. Fifteen young women received certificates of qualification for work in Home and Foreign fields.

In connection with the school has arisen a department called the Deaconess' Home. The history of its origin is as follows: "During the past Summer our first American Deaconess' Home was begun in the Chicago Training-school building, which was devoted to that purpose for the three months of vacation. Several of the students signified their willingness to give their time for such work, and Mr. and Mrs. Meyer offered to superintend it and to rely upon voluntary contributions for its support. The committee accepted the proposition, and the result has been most satisfactory. Eleven persons were enrolled as workers, the

average being eight for the whole vacation. Six days each week, including Sunday, were devoted to visitation and instruction, and the following summary will give some idea of the work accomplished: There were 2,751 calls made, and in 468 places they embraced the opportunity of reading the Bible and prayer; number of children taught in Sunday-schools, 1,819; thirteen sick and destitute persons were found and reported to proper authorities. Total expenses, $360.35; total receipts, all of which were voluntarily given, $366.90. * * * * Under these circumstances the executive committee of the Training-school met September 28th, and decided that, in view of such providential indications, they must go forward in the name of the Lord, and at least begin the establishment of a permanent institution, to be called the Chicago Deaconess' Home. A sub-committee was appointed to take charge of the matter. This committee have rented a flat near the Training-school building at $30 per month, which will accommodate eight persons." These give their whole time to evangelistic and charitable work among the needy of the city, without compensation. There is also in contemplation, in connection with the Deaconess' Home, a department for nurses, "trained thoroughly for their work, * * * who shall be willing to go * * to rich and poor alike," receiving in payment only a "home, and clothing and provisions for a home in sickness or old age."

Thus is steadily growing, and sending out help to the perishing multitudes, increasing and widening its avenues of labor as Providence opens the way, the Chicago Training-school, a pure benevolence founded in faith in God.

MRS. E. E. MARCY, *Chairman.*

Report on Missionary Candidates.

The increasing number of those desiring to enter our work indicates a growing sentiment in its favor. A large number of superior ladies have applied for admission to the ranks of our Missionaries during the year. Thirty-six of them have passed the general Executive Board upon recommendation of this Committee. We are in correspondence with many others.

MRS. J. F. WILLING, *Secretary.*

Report on Resolutions.

Resolved, 1. That we respectfully request the general Executive Board to consider the feasibility of reducing the size of our Annual Report so as to curtail expenses.

2. That we donate a copy of the Annual Report to every General, Conference, and District officer, and to the Corresponding Secretaries of auxiliaries; and advise that the remainder be sold at ten cents a copy, the expressage to be pre-paid from the general Contingent Fund.

3. That we request the publication, in slip form, of Section VI. of the By-laws of the Woman's Home Missionary Society entitled *Missionary Candidates.*

4. That we require each lady whom we employ as a Missionary (except in our Local work) to pledge herself to give us one year's service, unless hindered by ill health. If she leaves our work for any other cause, she shall refund her travelling expenses.

5. That we request our ladies not to require speakers to travel on the steam cars on Sunday.

6. That we express our gratitude to our ministerial brethren who have brought us words of sympathy and commendation; to those who have cheered us by their service of song; to those who have kindly placed this church at our disposal; and to the sexton for his faithful services.

7. That we return thanks to the Railroad Companies and those connected therewith, who have contributed to our comfort and profit.

8. Inasmuch as the local press has given very full and satisfactory accounts of our meetings, we hereby express our gratitude for this favor, and also for the distribution of papers.

9. That we are sincerely grateful to the people of Syracuse who have so cordially welcomed us to their homes; and also to those who have daily furnished ample and delicious lunches.

10. That to all who "For the love of Christ, and in His name" have helped to ensure the success of this meeting, we repeat the words of the Master: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

MRS. J. F. WILLING, *Chairman.*

MRS. N. C. ALGER, *Secretary.*

Report on Finance and Mission Fields.

The Committee on Finance and Mission Fields recommend as follows:

I. APPROPRIATIONS.

SOUTHERN WORK.

ATLANTA, GA.—Superintendent	$ 480
Finishing building	1,200
Furnishing	500
Incidentals	100
	$2,280
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Superintendent	480
Matron	100
Missionary	400
Furnishing	200
Repairs, improvements, incidentals	200
	$1,380
SAVANNAH, GA.—Superintendent	480
Three Missionaries	1,080
Repairing and furnishing building	300
Incidentals and repairs	300
Speedwell Mission	100
	$2,260
ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Site for Home (conditional)	$1,000
Superintendent	480
Finishing building, out-buildings, planting trees, etc.	440
	$1,920
CAMDEN, S. C.—Building Industrial Home	2,500
Furnishing " "	200
Matron	240
Missionary teacher	240
	$3,180
SUMTER, S. C.—Industrial teacher (conditional)	400
	$ 400

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Missionary, white work	$ 440	
Missionary, colored work	480	
Rent	240	
Furnishing	100	
Incidentals	50	
		$1,310
JOHN'S ISLAND, S. C.—Missionary (conditional)	300	
Incidentals	50	
		$ 350
GREENSBORO, N. C.—Superintendent	480	
Incidentals	100	
Organ	100	
		$ 680
ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Superintendent, expenses, incidentals	720	
Teacher	480	
Furnishing	200	
Improvements	220	
Furnace	125	
		$1,745
MORRISTOWN, TENN.—Industrial Home (conditional)	2,000	
Industrial teacher	450	
		$2,450
NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Site for Industrial Home	1,250	
Fencing and improvements	500	
Missionary	400	
Three teachers	196	
Teacher, French work	400	
Industrial Home (conditional)	3,000	
Furnishing	200	
		$5,946
SHREVEPORT, LA.—Teacher	50	
		50
HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.—Superintendent	$ 480	
Assistant Superintendent	480	
Incidentals	100	
		$1,060
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Superintendent	480	
Assistant Superintendent	480	
Site for Industrial Home	1,500	
Building Industrial Home (conditional)	3,000	
Furnishing " " "	200	
Incidentals	175	
		5,835

MARSHALL, TEXAS—Industrial Home (conditional)	$2,500
Furnishing	400
Conference work	300
	3,200
BENEFICIARIES (conditional)	$4,000

INDIAN WORK.

KLAMATH, ORE., Missionary, Salary and Travelling Expenses	$ 640
SILETZ, " " " " "	640
QUILLAYUTE, Wash. Ter., Missionary, Salary and Trav. Expenses	625
NOOTSACK JUNCTION, Wash. Ter., Missionary, Salary and Trav. Expenses	625
Home and furnishing	350
FORT SIMCOE, W. T., Missionary, Salary and Travelling Expenses	625
OSAGES, Ind. Ter., " " " "	620
House	500
PAWNEES, Ind. Ter., Missionary, Salary and Travelling Expenses	620
Additional building	200
PONCAS, Ind. Ter., Missionary, Salary and Travelling Expenses	620
House	500
OTOES, Ind. Ter., Missionary, Salary and Travelling Expenses	620
House	500
	$7,685

UTAH.

Seven Teachers, @ $400	$2,800
Four Missionaries, @ $480	1,920
Incidentals	360
For strengthening work	1,000
Postage	55
Logan Industrial Home (conditional)	3,500
Two Lucy Hayes school-houses, (conditional)	1,400
Beneficiary	150
Spencer Home	750
	$11,935

NEW MEXICO.—SPANISH WORK.

Two Missionaries	$ 960
Sending two additional Missionaries	250
Sending two additional Missionaries to Arizona	250
Four native Bible-women	400
Home in New Mexico (conditional)	3,000
Perquisites for native work	240

INDIAN WORK.

NAVAJOS—Two Missionaries	$ 750
Travelling Expenses	250
Home for Missionaries (conditional)	1,500
	$7,600

ALASKA.

UNALASKA—Industrial Home (conditional)	$5,000
Furnishing Home, Travelling and Incidental expenses of Missionary (conditional)	2,000
UNGA, Missionary (conditional)	500
	$7,500

NEW YORK CITY—Castle Garden, Missionary	$ 500
Incidentals	150
Lodging House	1,000
	1,650
CHICAGO—Training-school, Superintendent of Industrial work	$ 200
Superintendent of Evangelistic work	200
Deaconess' Home	200
	$ 600

CONFERENCE WORK.—(CONDITIONAL.)

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE	*$2,000
DETROIT "	* 1,800
" " Polish work	* 500
PITTSBURG "	* 500
ROCK RIVER " Bohemian work	* 600
NEW YORK EAST CONFERENCE:	
Local Work in Brooklyn—Buildings	* 1,080
Three Missionaries	* 1,440
Three Matrons	* 900
Furnishing	* 1,000
	9,820
INCIDENTAL EXPENSES	$1,500
LOCAL WORK IN CITIES, (conditional)	664

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Southern Work	$34,066
Beneficiaries	4,000
Indian Work	7,685
Utah	11,935
New Mexico	7,600
Alaska	7,500
New York City	1,650
Chicago Training School	600
Conference Work	9,820
Incidental Expenses	1,500
Local Work in Cities	664
Total	$77,000

II. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Woman's Home Missionary Society approve the work at Castle Garden, and the establishment of a Home for emigrants at that point at as early a date as possible; and that it urge the collections of funds for this purpose by the Society at large.

2. That the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Columbia River Conference be allowed to use the funds raised in that Conference for mission work within the bounds of the Conference.

3. That the Cincinnati Conference be allowed to raise a special fund of $3,000 for the building of an Industrial Home for illiterate whites.

4. That the Central Ohio Conference be allowed to raise a sum not to exceed

*To be raised within the Conference.

$1,500 for building, at some point yet to be located, an Industrial Home for white girls.

5. That the school house at Spring City, Utah, be named the S. V. Leech Mission Home.

6. That the Minnesota Conference be permitted to use all its supplies and one-half its Home Missionary money, for aid to its own preachers and their families.

7. That the Secretary of the Bureau for Indians and Mrs. T. B. Shepherd, the President of the Northern New York Conference, be a Committee to learn from the general Missionary Society what it will do in regard to work among the St. Regis Indians, and make a report to the general Executive Board, that it may arrange for the opening of Missionary work among them.

8. That the Woman's Home Missionary Society appropriate $600 to sustain a Missionary teacher among the St. Regis Indians, provided the parent Board furnish a building for the use of the teacher.

9. That the general Executive Board be requested to prepare some rules looking toward uniformity in regard to the Summer vacations of the Missionaries employed by the Society.

10. That the anniversary address, delivered before this body by Rev. Dr. R. H. Rust, be procured and referred to the Committee on leaflets for publication in whole or in part.

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

MRS. E. B. GREEN, *Secretary.*

Names and Location of Industrial Homes and Schools.

"MATTHEW SIMPSON,"	INDUSTRIAL	HOME	Orangeburg, S. C.
"KENT,"	"	"	Greensboro, N. C.
"HAVEN,"	"	" AND SCHOOL . .	Savannah, Ga.
"ATLANTA,"	"	"	Atlanta, Ga.
"BOYLAN,"	"	" AND SCHOOL,	Jacksonville, Fla.
"ELIZABETH L. RUST,"	"	"	Holly Springs, Miss.
"ADELINE M. SMITH,"	"	"	Little Rock, Ark.
"ASHEVILLE,"	"	SCHOOL (Home to be built)	
. . . . .			Asheville, N. C.
"CAMDEN," INDUSTRIAL HOME AND SCHOOL (building in process of erection)			Camden, S. C.

Ladies of Central Ohio Conference are raising funds to build a HOME FOR ILLITERATE WHITE GIRLS (not yet located.)

Ladies of Central New York Conference are raising fund to build "PECK" HOME at NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Ladies of New Jersey, and other Conferences are raisi funds to build an INDUSTRIAL HOME AT MORRISTOWN, TENN.

Ladies of Cincinnati Conference are raising funds to build an INDUSTRIAL HOME (not yet located) IN THE SOUTH, FOR ILLITERATE WHITE GIRLS.

Ladies of Philadelphia Conference are raising funds to build a MISSION HOME AT LOGAN, UTAH.

Ladies of East Ohio Conference are raising funds to build a MISSION HOME (not yet located) IN UTAH.

Funds are being collected to build "JASON LEE" HOME IN ALASKA.

Funds are being collected to build a HOME AND TRAINING-SCHOOL FOR EMIGRANTS, in connection with the work at CASTLE GARDEN, NEW YORK.

Names of Missionaries and Teachers,

And Fields of Labor.

Mrs. S. M. Lewis, Missionary, "Haven" Home . . . . . Savannah, Ga.
Miss V. E. Baldwin, " " " . . . . . " "
Miss E. L. Jolls, " " " . . . . . " "
Miss M. L. Santley, Superintendent "Simpson" Home . . . Orangeburg, S. C.
Mrs. S. D. Snow, " "Kent" " . . . Greensboro, N. C.
Miss F. E. Mitchell, " "Atlanta" " . . . . . Atlanta, Ga.
Miss H. E. Emerson, " "Boylan" " . . . . Jacksonville, Fla.
Miss S. Johnson, " "E. L. Rust" " . . Holly Springs, Miss.
Miss H. A. Lindsay, Assistant, " " . . " "
Miss E. H. McIntosh, Superintendent "A. M. Smith" " . . . . Little Rock, Ark.
Miss Augusta Wood, Assistant, " " . . . " "
Rev. N. S. Albright, Superintendent "Asheville" School . . . . Asheville, N. C.
Miss Alsie B. Dole, Industrial Teacher, " " . . . . " "
Miss E. C. Levering, Assistant, " " . . . . " "
Miss C. H. Snyder, Industrial Teacher, ... Morristown, Tenn.
Miss E. J. Betts, Missionary, 198 King Street . . . . . Charleston, S. C.
Mrs. H. A. Mathews, " Castle Garden, N. Y., P. O. address, 533 17th street, Brooklyn, New York.
Mrs. F. T. Gaddis, Missionary, Pawnee Agency, Indian Territory (mail via Arkansas City, Arkansas).
Miss Matie Beard, Missionary, Pawnee Agency, Indian Territory, (mail via Arkansas City, Arkansas).
Miss M. A. Locke, Missionary . . . . . Salt Lake City, Utah.
Miss M. Hoserud, " . . . . . " " "
Miss L. M. Saugstad, " . . . . . Mt. Pleasant, "
Mrs. M. M. Skewes, " . . . . . Ogden, "
Miss M. Iverson, Teacher, ... Maroni, "
Miss B. Helgeson, " . . . . . Spanish Fork, "
Miss S. Peterson, " . . . . . Richfield, "
Miss E. Nelson, " . . . . . Elsinore, "
Miss W. Burton, " . . . . . Grantsville, "
Miss E. Thorson, " . . . . . Ephraim, "
Miss M. Helgeson, " . . . . . Mt. Pleasant, "
Mrs. A. Norton, Missionary, ... Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Miss I. Brimmer, " . . . . . " "
Mrs. M. B. Torres, Bible Reader . . . . . Espanola. "

Report of the Treasurer.

MRS. A. R. CLARK, in Account with the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

November 1, 1886, to November 1, 1887.

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

Arkansas Conference.

MISS IDA J. BROOKS, Secretary. MRS. H. RUDD, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Collection at Anniversary, $10.00. Total, $10.00.

Baltimore Conference.

MRS. CLARA L. ROACH, Secretary. MRS. J. C. TASKER, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BALTIMORE DISTRICT.—Baltimore, Grace church, $135.00; Mrs. Richardson, $2.00. Total, $137.00.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.—Washington, D. C.: Baldwin Memorial, $2.00; Foundry, $54.70; Young Ladies' Society, $16.00; Fourth Street, $16.20; Hamline, $50.00; McKendree, $51.00; Waugh, $32.38; Young Ladies' Society, $6.39. Total, $228.67.

CONFERENCE COLLECTION, $36.03. Total, $36.03.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $401.70.

Special Funds.—*To Little Rock, Illiterate Whites.*—Foundry Church, $20.00; McKendree (Mrs. Rankin), $100.00. Total, $120.00.

Grand total . . . . . $521.70.

Central Illinois Conference.

—— ——, Secretary. —— ——, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—GALESBURG DISTRICT.—Colchester, $1.00; Dallas City, $1.00; Ellisville, $1.00; J. P. Rolin, $0.20. Total, $3.20.

ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT.—Tiskilwa (Mrs. Hepperly), $15.00. Total, $15.00.

Grand total . . . . . $18.20.

Central New York Conference.

MRS. M. B. SPENCER, Secretary. MRS. J. F. PEASE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—AUBURN DISTRICT.—Auburn: First Church, $70.60; Wall Street, $19.96. Total, $90.56.

CAZENOVIA DISTRICT.—Cazenovia, $48.00; Canastota, $24.20; Cortland, $6.50; Jamesville and DeWitt, $4.16; Keeney's Settlement, $8.50; North Pitcher, $1.00; Oneida, $28.00. Total, $120.36.

ELMIRA DISTRICT.—Elmira, First Church, $11.00; Troy, Pa., $11.49. Total, $22.49.

GENEVA DISTRICT.—Lyons, $14.43; Willing Workers, $4.00; Milo Center, $20.00; Penn Yan, $21.18. Total, $59.61.

ITHACA DISTRICT.—Ithaca: Aurora Street, $35.35; Mite-box, $8.02; Newfield, $19.50; Trumansburg, $17.00; West Dryden and Asbury, $12.85; Van Ettenville, $2.00. Total, $94.72.

SYRACUSE DISTRICT.—Syracuse: First Church, $31.50; Mite-box, $3.55; Centenary, $0.15; Lysander, $2.00; Liverpool, $1.00; Baldwinsville, $9.75. Total, $47.95.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $435.69.

Beneficiary Fund.—Elmira, Busy Bees, $2.00 (to Haven Home); Syracuse, "Golden Rule" Mission Band, $10.00 (to Adeline Smith Home). Total, $12.00.

Special Funds.—*Savannah Fund.*—Baldwinsville, $20.00. Total, $20.00.

To Peck Home..—Syracuse: First Church, $6.88; Hester Williams Band, $5.00; Mrs. Pease, $5.00; Centenary, $20.75; Mite-box, $5.00; Mrs. Holden, $5.00; Mrs. S. J. Peck, $200.00; "A Friend," $100.00; Mrs. F. A. Sweet, $20.00; Mrs. T. W. Quinton, $5.00; Mrs. J. J. Brown, $20.00; Mrs. R. M. Pelton, $25.00; Furman Street, $8.25; University Avenue, $11.50; Mrs. T. W. Durston, $5.00; Oneida, $15.00; Mrs. Mogg, $5.00; Horseheads, $12.00; Auburn, First Church, $25.00; Chittenango Falls, $13.00; Perry City, $9.00; Seneca Falls, $3.25; Elmira, Mrs. Ball, $5.00; Troy, $5.43. Total, $535.06.

To Utah Scandinavian Work.—To "Henry F. Spencer Home."—Ithaca, Aurora Street, $25.00; Watertown: State Street, $11.38; Friends, $5.00; Elmira, First Church, $25.00; Cazenovia, $25.00. Total, $91.38.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $ 646.44
Grand total 1,094.13

Central Ohio Conference.

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BELLEFONTAINE DISTRICT.—Anna, $12.00; DeGraff, $11.50; Hardin, $11.00; Sidney, $86.37; Church Band, $2.74. Total, $123.61.

DEFIANCE DISTRICT.—Bryan, $16.25; Church Band, $2.00; Defiance, $39.75; Willing Workers, $4.00; Deshler and Holgate, $1.00; Edgerton, $1.00; Florida, $7.00; Church Band, $1.00; Leipsic, $1.00; Pioneer, $26.75; West Unity, $2.00. Total, $101.75.

DELAWARE DISTRICT.—Agosta, $9.45; Delaware, William Street, $33.34; Lucy Hayes Band, $1.90; East Liberty, $1.00; Kenton Circuit, $10.35; Marion, $11.50; Marseilles, $3.00; Marysville, $33.75; Mt. Victory, $2.00; North Lewisburg, $1.00; Prospect, $7.00; Richwood Circuit, Finley Charge, $4.00; York, $1.00. Total, $119.29.

FINDLAY DISTRICT.—Ada, $18.73; Bluffton, $1.00; Dunkirk, $2.00; Findlay,* $13.50; Findlay Circuit, $3.00; Fostoria, $7.31; Fostoria Circuit, Bloomdale, $8.95; North Fostoria, East Union, $13.64; Adrian Circuit, Lovell, $6.00. Total, $74.13.

LIMA DISTRICT.—Celina, $28.65; Young Ladies, $9.50; East Lima, $2.00; Fort Recovery, $12.50; Lafayette Circuit, Herring, $12.20; Salem, $10.00; Perry, $8.00; Lima, $15.50; St. Mary's, $4.20; Spencerville, $18.50; Young Ladies, $13.00; Van Wert, $5.92. Total, $139.97.

*Findlay paid to Rev. P. A. H. Franklin $2,298.50, to help build a Scandinavian Mission Church in Salt Lake City. Of this amount, Judge Cory gave $2,000, and Findlay Church $298.50, the donors understanding that the gift was to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Honorable mention should be made of this gift, but credit for money received cannot be given by our Society, since that work belongs to the parent Missionary Society, and the money was paid into the treasury of that Society.

TOLEDO DISTRICT.—Bettsville, Fort Seneca Charge, $8.12; Bowling Green, $7.00; Fremont, $53.00; Greensburg, Gibsonburg Circuit, $17.00; Liberty Center, Taylor's, $7.28; Oak Harbor, $12.00; Port Clinton, $20.00; Toledo, St. Paul, $65.15. Total, $189.54.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $748.29.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home.*—Fremont Willing Workers, $15.00; Toledo Earnest Workers, $30.00. Total, $45.00.

To Utah Student in Delaware University.—Fostoria, $10.09; Defiance, $10.00; Richwood Circuit, $6.65; Fremont, $50.00. Total, $76.74.

To "E. L. Rust" Home.—Pioneer, $11.30. Total, $11.30.

Total to Beneficiary Fund . . . . . $133.04.

Special Funds.—Hardin, $10.00; Sidney, $15.97; Church Band, $0.50; Defiance, $62.80; Willing Workers, $33.85; Pioneer, $5.25; Delaware, William Street, $45.00; Church Band, $1.67; Asbury, $33.00; Kenton Circuit, $9.50; Prospect, $2.00; Fort Recovery, $11.00; Kossuth, $5.00; Lafayette, $1.00; Wapakoneta, $7.00; Bettsville, $9.00; Fremont, $35.00. Total, $288.54.

To Utah.—Agosta, $10.45; Delaware, William Street, $25.00; Marysville, $3.50; Ada, $20.00; Findlay, $20.00; Fostoria, $35.00; Fostoria Circuit, Bloomdale, $1.32. Total, $115.27.

To Savannah Fund.—Spencerville, $5.00; Young Ladies' Society, $5.00. Total, $10.00.

To Training-school.—Delaware, William Street, $15.00; Fostoria, $1.15. Total, $16.15.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $429.96.

Grand total. . . . . $1,311.29.

Central Pennsylvania Conference.

MRS. C. W. OWEN, Secretary. MRS. J. W. MEESE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT.—Williamsport: Grace, $15.75; Mulberry, $13.18; Milton, $10.16. Total, $39.09.

HARRISBURG DISTRICT.—Harrisburg: Grace, $58.95; Ridge Avenue, $19.50; Chambersburg, $24.00; Verona, $2.00; *Mother's Jewels*, Williamsport, $0.20. Total, $104.65.

DANVILLE DISTRICT.—Berwick, Juvenile Society, $32.84. Total, $32.84.

Grand total . . . . . $176.58.

Cincinnati Conference.

MISS CLARA ALLEN, Secretary. MRS. JAMES DALE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Cincinnati: Asbury, $14.00; Young People's Society, $25.00; Early Blossoms, $10.00; Mt. Auburn, $23.00; St. Paul, $142.00; Home Lights, $2.00; Trinity, $441.45; Walnut Hills, $62.00; Young Ladies' Society, $38.00; Earnest Toilers, $5.00; Wesley, $5.00; Wright Chapel, $5.00; York Street, $70.00; Annual Reports, $100.00. Total, $942.45.

DAYTON DISTRICT.—Dayton: Grace Church, $58.00; Mission Band, $12.45; Raper Chapel, $66.50; Piqua, Green Street, $55.00; Troy, $17.30; Tippecanoe, $8.00; Germantown, $15.00. Total, $232.25.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.—Hartwell, $72.55; Middletown, $20.00; Oxford, $31.21; Pleasant Ridge, $81.00. Total, $204.76.

HILLSBOROUGH DISTRICT.—Hillsborough, $21.00; Waynesville, Young Ladies' Society, $20.00; Wilmington, Children's Band, $9.00; Spring Valley, $4.70; Morrow, $3.00. Total, $57.70.

RIPLEY DISTRICT.—Milford, $8.00. Total, $8.00.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—South Charleston, $6.00; Springfield: Central Church, $35.50; Willing Workers, $1.15; Urbana: Grace, $22.00; First Church, $23.33; Xenia: First Church, $36.00; Young People's Society, $4.48; Mission Band, $2.00; Trinity Cheerful Workers, $9.00. Total, $139.46.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $1,584.62.

Beneficiary Fund. — *To Haven Home.*—Walnut Hills: Earnest Toilers, $60.00; Mrs. Simpkinson, $15.00; Trinity, $60.00; Madisonville, $50.00; Asbury, $5.00. *To Boylan Home.*—Trinity, $40.00; Piqua: Green Street, Clarke Band, $45.20. *To Simpson Home.*—St. Paul, $40.00; Dayton, Raper Chapel, $38.00. *To Holly Springs, E. L. Rust Home.*—Xenia, Trinity Cheerful Workers, $18.75. *To Beneficiary in Michigan.*—Walnut Hills, Young Ladies' Society, $25.00.
Total, $396.95.

Special Funds.—*To Utah.*—Trinity, $15.00; Walnut Hills, $3.00; St. Paul, $5.00; York Street, $1.00; Asbury, $1.00. Total, $25.00.
To Savannah Fund.—Walnut Hills, $20.00; Xenia, First Church, Young People's Society, $30.00. Total, $50.00.
To Indian Fund.—Dayton, Grace Church, $200.00 (Nootsacks); Springfield, Central Church, $5.00. Total, $205.00.
To Illiterate Whites.—Trinity, $5.00; Spring Valley, $20.00.
Total, $25.00.
To Gammon Home.—Dayton, Raper Chapel, $20.00. Total, $20.00.
To "Hester Williams Home."—Trinity, $10.00; St. Paul, $20.00.
Total, $30.00.
To Mother's Jewels.—Dayton, Grace Church, $2.70; Raper Chapel, $4.00; Pleasant Ridge, $0.70; Felicity, Miss Zink, $0.70; Troy, $0.40. Total, $8.50.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $ 363.50.
Grand total . . . . . 2,345.07.

Colorado Conference.

MRS. J. H. MERRITT, Secretary. MRS. A. C. KING, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NORTHERN DISTRICT.—Central City, $18.35; Cheyenne, $20.30; Evans, $8.75; New Windsor, $15.75; Greeley, $18.75; Home Workers, $8.50. Total, $90.40.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT.—Canon City, $20.00; Denver, Lawrence Street, $37.00; California Street, $21.85. Total, $78.85.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $169.25.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Student in Delaware.*—Greeley, $45.00.
Total, $45.00.

Special Fund.—Denver, California Street, $15.00 (to Little Rock); Lawrence Street, $76.00 (to El Paso, Texas); New Windsor, $11.25 (to Little Rock); Central City, $77.00 (to New Mexico); Cheyenne, $9.50 (to work in Cheyenne).
Total, $188.75.

Grand total . . . . . $377.00.

Columbia River Conference.

MRS. D. G. STRONG, Secretary. MRS. J. HILL, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.—Walla Walla, $21.80; Mother Wilbur, $10.00; Huntsville, $3.50. Total, $35.30.
LEWISTON DISTRICT.—Pomeroy, $8.75; Lewiston, Little Gleaners, $4.50.
Total, $13.25.
CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS, $32.90. Total, $32.90.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $81.45.

Special Fund.—*Training-school.*—Walla Walla, $5.75; *Mother's Jewels,* Walla Walla, $3.00. Total, $8.75.

Grand total. . . . . $90.00.

Detroit Conference.

MRS. HENRY WADE ROGERS, Secretary. MRS. WESLEY SEARS, Treasurer.

DETROIT DISTRICT.—Bellville, $3.00; Detroit, Cass Avenue Church, $65.00; to *Haven Home,* Life membership, Mrs. Gaston, $10.00; Jennie Poole, Scholar-

ship, $20.00; Central Church, $180.00; to Marion and Iosco Work, $15.00; to Plymouth, $15.00; York Street Church, $25.00; for New Orleans Work, Lucy Hayes Band, $7.00; to Marion, $5.00; Grace Church, for Marquette District Work, $25.00; Haven Church, $15.00; Simpson Church, $85.00; Life membership, Mrs. Piper to Michigan Work, $20.00; to Kingston Work, $7.00; to Marion, $10.00; Welsh Avenue Mission, $1.43; Wesley Chapel, $2.00; Woodward Avenue, $5.00; Flat Rock, $8.50; New Boston and Eureka, $19.46; Plymouth, $18.00; Pontiac, $58.60; to *Haven Home*, $2.50; Royal Oak, A Friend, $1.25; Salem and Northfield, $3.00; Stockbridge and Unadilla, $10.00; Mrs. Louisa M. Soules, $100.00; Warren and Leesville, $18.00; Wayne, $3.00; West Bloomfield, $14.25; Whitmore Lake and Hamburg, $3.00; Ypsilanti, $53.45. Total, $828.44.

ADRIAN DISTRICT.—Addison, $9.00; Adrian, $82.05; Ann Arbor, $47.50; to Local Work, $48.25; Chapin Work, $25.00; to Indian River, $20.00; for Pinnebog, $20.00; to *Alaska Fund*, Life membership, Mrs. Geo. A. Douglass, $20.00; to *Haven Home*, Mrs. E. E. Royer, $100.00; to *Chicago Training-school*, Mrs. Royer, $200.00; to Loan Library, R. A. Beals, $20.00; Blissfield, $7.53; for Dissette Fund, $8.00; for Donaldson Work, $34.55; Clayton, $13.00; Clinton, $7.00; Dundee, $1.00; Franklin, $4.00; Grass Lake, $10.00; Hudson, $30.00; Lambertville, $1.00; Medina, $2.00; Milan, $7.00; Morenci, $4.50; Munith and Fitchburg, $2.00; Napoleon and Brooklyn, $5.00; Sharon, $15.67; Stony Creek, $10.00; Tecumseh, $25.50. Total, $779.55.

PORT HURON DISTRICT.—Algonac, $1.00; Armada, Miss L. A. Jackman, $15.00; Clifford and Fostoria, $2.50; Downington, $1.00; Marine City, $3.50; A. G. Westbrook, $5.00; St. Clair, $11.68. Total, $39.68.

FLINT DISTRICT.—Bancroft, $1.00; Burton, $3.00; Dansville, $22.70; Fenton, $12.25; Flint: Court Street Church, $93.00; Garland Street, $20.63; Flushing, $15.50; to Loan Library, Mrs. Frank Sayre, $5.00; Fowlerville, $20.50; Gaines, $17.00; Goodrich: $6.24; to Local Work from "Wide Awake," $4.00; Grand Blanc, $21.00; for *Alaska Fund*, $10.00; Hadley, $15.70; Hartland, $5.00; Highland, $1.00; Lapeer, $15.00; Milford, $37.04; Milford, "Olive Branch," $1.27; Milford, for Detour work (special), $10.00; Mt. Morris, $2.20; Northville, $9.00; Ortonville, $2.25; Parshallville, $3.00; Perry, $3.25; Seymour Lake, $5.00; Vernon, $7.00; Walled Lake, $5.00; Williamston, $3.00. Total, $376.53.

SAGINAW DISTRICT.—Bay City: Fremont Ave. $30.00, Washington Ave. $64.17; to *Haven Home*, $1.25; Bennington, $8.00; Bridgeport, from an "old lady," $1.00: Caro, $19.00; Caseville, $2.08; Chesaning, $2.00; Corunna, $10.75; East Saginaw: Hess Street, $10.00, Jefferson Street, $60.00; Kingston, $1.00; Laingsburg, $10.00; Midland, $6.00; Orion, $13.00; Owosso, $11.27; Oxford, $2.00; Reese, $4.00; South Bay City, $8.00; Unionville, $16.08; Vassar, $12.00; Watrousville, $6.50. Total, $298.10.

MARQUETTE DISTRICT.—Atlantic and Hurontown, $1.00; Calumet, $51.90; Central Mine, $3.00; Champion and Michigamme, $13.00; Detour, $4.00: Escanaba, Rev. Isaac Wilcox, $6.00; Hancock, $14.30; Houghton, $10.40; Lake Linden, $11.00; L'Ance, $2.50; Manistique, $4.00; Marquette, $15.00; Menominee, $3.00; Munising and Indian Mission, $2.00; Negaunee, $2.00; Norway, $10.00; Pequaming, $3.50; Pickford and Donaldson, $7.00; Rockland and Greenland, $4.00; Sault Ste. Marie, $10.00; Stephenson, $5.00; St. Ignace, $6.00; Rev. Leonard Hazard, $25.00. Total, $213.60.

ALPENA DISTRICT.—Alpena, $15.00; Au Gres, $1.00; Cheboygan, $13.54; Churchill, $6.00; East Tawas, $25.00; Oscoda, $35.86; Tawas City, $15.10; West Bay City, $28.00. Total, $139.50.

Grand total, including balance from last year. . . .	$2,830.20.
DISBURSED.—To Detroit Conference Fund	2,450.20.
To SPECIAL FUNDS.—(Through General Treasury) . . .	360.00.
To BENEFICIARY FUND	20.00.
Total, ...	$2,830.20.

Des Moines Conference.

MRS. LOU R. BLODGETT, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—ATLANTIC DISTRICT.—Adel, $1.00; Atlantic, $1.50; De Soto, $1.00; Menlo, $11.75; Wiota, $1.65. Total, $16.90.

BOONE DISTRICT.—Carroll, $1.00; Dedham, $1.00; Glidden, $1.00; Nevada, $1.00; Rippey, $1.00; Kirkman, $5.00. Total, $10.00.

CHARITON DISTRICT.—Seymour, $1.00; Grand River, $1.00. Total, $2.00.

CORNING DISTRICT.—Goshen, $3.00; Gravity, $1.00; Milford, $2.00. Total, $6.00.

COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT.—Astor, $1.00; Dennison, $7.50; Dunlap, $1.00; Fremont City, $1.00; Glenwood, $1.00; Blanchard, $3.00; Silver City, $1.00, Total, $15.50.

DES MOINES DISTRICT.—Carlisle, $2.00; Des Moines Circuit, $5.00; Greencastle, $1.00; Saylorville, $2.00; Waukee, $1.00; Winterset Circuit, $1.00; Winterset, $3.00; Pleasantville, $2.00. Total, $17.00.

Grand total, ... $ 67.40.

East Ohio Conference.

To General Fund.—AKRON DISTRICT.—Akron, First Church, $96.75; Warren, $49.00; Braceville, $8.00; Bristolville, $7.00; Talmadge, $4.25; Northfield, $4.54. Total, $169.54.

BARNESVILLE DISTRICT.—Barnesville, $23.00; Bealsville, $1.00. Total, $24.00.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.—McConnellsville, $29.50. Total, $29.50.

CANTON DISTRICT.—Canton, First Church, $17.25; Carrolton, $4.25; Damascus, $7.70. Total, $29.20.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT.—Cleveland: Broadway, $10.00; Central, $21.50; Euclid Avenue, $2.00; First Church, $37.65; Scovill Avenue, $33.55; Superior Street, $22.50; Chagrin Falls, $3.50; Chardon, $2.00; Geneva, $34.25; Mayfield, $14.00; Forest Hill, $12.00; Painesville, $23.82; Lake Erie Seminary, $15.00; North Madison, $9.75; Perry, $21.00; Saybrook, $6.20. Total, $268.72.

NEW PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Coshocton, $9.00; Adamsville, $8.00; West Lafayette, $4.00. Total, $21.00.

STEUBENVILLE DISTRICT.—Martin's Ferry, $22.00. Total, $22.00.

YOUNGSTOWN DISTRICT.—Ashtabula, $12.00; Conneaut, $9.23; Colebrook, $9.00; Girard, $20.60; Young People's Society, $3.50; Hubbard, $19.35; Cortland, $5.70; Kingsville, $19.50; Jefferson, $1.00; Mesopotamia, $11.75; Orwell, $6.73; Johnson, $1.75; Rome, $1.00; Youngstown, Trinity, $2.00; Vienna, $6.00. Total, $129.61.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $693.57.

Beneficiary Fund.—Akron, First Church, Willing Workers, $91.75; Warren, $10.00; Cleveland, Central, $3.00; Willoughby, $30.00. Total, $134.75.

Special Funds.—*Indian Work.*—Colebrook, $3.00. Total, $3.00.

To Scandinavian Work in Utah.—Damascus, $48.70; Barnesville, $20.00; Canton, First Church, $20.00; Carrolton, $10.00; Salem, Young Ladies' Society, $8.10; Cleveland: Scovill, $5.50; Juvenile Society, $6.49; Martin's Ferry, $20.00; Girard, Juvenile Society, $4.25; Kingsville, Children's Band, $5.04; Youngstown, Henrietta Street Mission Band, $8.50. Total, $156.58.

To Training-School.—Mrs. J. M. Carr, $10.00. Total, $10.00.

To Mother's Jewels.—Akron, First Church, $2.20. Total, $2.20.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $ 171.78.

Grand total . . . . . 1,001.10.

Akron Local Work, $169.00.

Erie Conference.

MRS. C. V. CULVER, Secretary. MRS. F. H. BECK, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CLARION DISTRICT.—Brockwayville, $1.00; Brookville, $20.66; Clarion, $16.00. Total, $37.66.

ERIE DISTRICT.—Chautauqua, $18.90; Brocton, $14.75; Erie, First Church, $82.05; Y. L. S., Willing Workers, $8.00; Simpson, $6.00; Tenth Street, $2.00; Forestville, $12.50; Fredonia, Y. L. S., $13.05; Fairview, $6.00; North East, $21.00; Ripley, $9.85; Portland, $15.00; Springfield (East), $6.00; Springfield (West), $2.24; McKean, $1.50; Waterford, $7.80; Westfield, Y. L. S., $38.02. Total, $264.66.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.—Franklin, $24.28; Millerstown, $74.92; Oil City, Grace, $26.50; Trinity, $23.25: Reno, $10.40; Titusville, $30.00. Total, $189.35.

JAMESTOWN DISTRICT.—Corry, Y. L. S., $8.00; Farmington, $10.00; Ellington, $11.85; Jamestown, $50.00; Panama, $27.25; Dayton, $1.00; Warren, $33.92; Youngsville, $4.00. Total, $146.02.

MEADVILLE DISTRICT.—Cambridge, $14.00; Conneautville, $16.00; Espyville, Centre Chapel, $26.89; Y. L. S., $4.75; Greenville, $45.50; Meadville, $23.00; Springboro, $4.89; Woodcock, $2.43. Total, $132.71.

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT.—Clark's Mills, Y. P. M. S., $3.50; Edinburg, $2.00; Fredonia, $29.03; Henderson, $7.70; New Castle, $15.75; Mercer, $5.00; Sandy Lake, $4.55; Sharon, Y. L. S., $14.38; Sheakleyville, $10.35; Stoneborough, $15.55. Total, $107.81

Total to General Fund . . . . . $878.21.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home.*—Clarion, Y. L. S, $15.86; Oil City Trinity, $50.00; Corry, Y. L. M. S., $45.00; Jamestown, Y. L. S., $20.00; Sherman Y. L. S., $40.00; Conneautville, $15.00; Espyville, $10.00; Spartansburg, $5.00; Titusville, $75.00. Total, $275.86.

Special Funds.—*To Alaska.*—By Dr. J. B. Showalter, Millerstown, $100.00. *This one hundred* dollars, "In memoriam of Little Lee," his son who died three years ago, for a room to be named in our first Home built in Alaska, "Little Lee." Total, $100.00

To Savannah Fund.—"Erie Conference Room."—Edinburg, Y. L. S., $1.00; New Bethlehem, Y. L. S., $0.50; Clarion, $1.00; Brocton, $1.50; Erie, First Church, $4.00; Chautauqua, $3.40; Forestville, $2.00; North East, $2.00; Ripley, $2.00; West Springfield, $1.15; Westfield, $2.00; Oil City, Grace, $22.00; Brookville, $2.00; Clark's Mills, Y. L. S., $1.50; Trinity, $2.00; Reno, $2.25; Fredonia, $2.00; Tidioute, $2.00; Tionesta, $2.00; Franklin, $4.75; Waterford, $3.00; Titusville, $2.00; Jamestown, Y. L. S., $24.00; Panama, $2.00; Warren, $3.00; Conneautville, $3.00; Greenville, $5.00; Meadville, $3.00; Henderson, $1.50; Naw Castle, First Church, $2.00; Sandy Lake, $2.00; Sheakleyville, $2.00; Stoneborough, $1.50. Total, $115.05.

To Indian Fund.—Dubois, $5.00; Reno, $2.52. Total, $7.52.

To Training-school.—New Castle, First Church, $5.15; Millerstown, $10.21; Oil City, Grace, $10.00; Conneautville, $15.00. Total, $40.36.

To Utah.—Franklin, $10.00; Oil City, Grace, $20.00. Total, $30.00.

To Mother's Jewels.—Warren, $1.00; Sherman, $0.10; Edinburg, $5.70; Tionesta, $0.40. Total, $7.20.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $300.13.
Grand total . . . . . $1,454.20.

Florida Conference.

MRS. S. B. DARNELL, Secretary. MRS. J. W. SALMOND, Treasurer.

Special Fund.—*To Boylan Home.*—JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—Jacksonville, Ebenezer, $79.71; Boylan Mission, 1.88; Oakland Mission, $70c.; Simpson Mis-

sion Band, 75c.; Cookman Institute, $2.40; St. Augustine, First Church, $42.50; Fernandino, Trinity, $4.25. Total, $132.19.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.—Cedar Keyes, $3.60; Gainesville, $1.25; Ocala, $1.65. Total, $6.50.

Total to Special Fund . . . . . $138.69.

Genesee Conference.

MRS. E. B. GREEN, Secretary. MRS. E. OCUMPAUGH, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NIAGARA DISTRICT.—Clarenden, $6.00. Total $6.00.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.—Rochester: First Church, $40.30; Asbury, $30.31; Cornhill, $61.48; Frank Street, $25.25; Willing Workers, $8.80; First Church, $85.10. Total, $251.24.

GENESEE DISTRICT.—Geneseo, $1.00; Mrs. Millspaugh, $1.00. Total, $2.00.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $259.24.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home.*—Rochester, Frank Street Willing Workers, $63.67; Buffalo, Mrs. Root, $60.00. Total, $123.67.

Special Funds.—*To Peck Home*, Buffalo; Asbury, $44.98; Blanche Hurst Mission Band, $20.79; Eagle Street, $31.12; Plymouth, $13.00; Addison, $12.97; Hornersville, $24.25; Batavia, $12.56; Mission Band, $2.50; Persis Peck Band, $9.40; South Byron, $13.38; Clarendon, $12.00; Bolivar, $10.19; Lima, $13.00; Hemlock Lake, $2.75; Rochester: First Church, $33.14; Mrs. Ocumpaugh, $20.00; Conference Collections, $61.52. Total, $337.55.

Indian Fund.—Buffalo, Mrs. Weimer, $25.00 (Alice quilt); Baby offerings, $5.38. Total, $30.38.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $367.93.
Grand total . . . . . 750.84.

Georgia Conference.

To General Fund.—Atlanta, Clark University, $6.30 (to Missionary in Charleston). Total, $6.30.

Special Fund.—*To "Gammon Home" Students* in Clark University, $29.00. Total, $29.00.

Grand total . . . . . $35.30.

Holston Conference.

To General Fund.—Conference offering, $2.00. Total, $2.00.

Idaho Conference.

To General Fund.—Conference offerings, Rev. A. J. Joslin, $1.00; W. K. Stark, $1.00; Rev. J. W. Maxwell, $1.00; E. S. Penfield, $1.00; Mrs. Mary Ireton, $1.00; Mrs. G. W. Grannis, $1.00; Mrs. Jonas W. Brown, $1.00; Boise City, Wm. Brown, $1.00. Total, $8.00.

Indiana Conference.

MRS. E. KENNEDY, Secretary. MRS. S. C. MAY, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT.—Indianapolis, Blackford Street, $20.07; California Street, $11.50; Young People's Society, $7.00; Bowling Green, $1.65; Waverly, $11.85. Total, $52.07.

Beneficiary Fund.—New Castle, $10.00, (to Student in Little Rock University); Mooresville, $60.00, (to Matthew Simpson Home). Total, $70.00.

Grand total . . . . . $122.07.

Illinois Conference.

MRS. S. B. POTTER, Secretary. MRS. SAIN WELLY, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.—Bloomington, First Church, $60.10; Grace, $21.95; Delaven, $6.00. Total, $88.05.
GRIGGSVILLE DISTRICT.—Griggsville, $9.26. Total, $9.26.
CHAMPAIGN DISTRICT.—Saybrook, $3.25. Total, $3.25.
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—Jacksonville, Grace, $26.00; Greenfield, $4.50. Total, $30.50.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $131.06.

Beneficiary Fund.—*Haven Home.*—Bloomington, First Church, Mission Band, $38.50. Total, $38.50.

Special Funds.—*To Morristown, Tenn.*, Greenfield, $8.25. Total, $8.25.
To Indian Fund.—Jacksonville, Grace, $10.00. Total, $10.00.
Mother's Jewels.—Bloomington, First Church, $0.50. Total, $0.50.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $18.75.
Grand total. . . . . $188.31.

Iowa Conference.

MRS. W. F. COWLES, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—Kossuth, $1.00. Total, $1.00.
KEOKUK DISTRICT.—Bloomfield, $1.00; Milton, $2.00; Plano, $1.00; Selma, $1.00; Salem and Hillsborough, $1.00; Troy, $1.00. Total, $7.00.
MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT.—Washington, First Church, $22.00; Jennie Willing Band, $12.05. Total, $34.05.
MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—Muscatine, $46.84; Marengo, $2.00; Pleasant Hill, $1.00; Sweetland Centre, $1.00. Total, $50.84.
OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—Madison, $1.00; Newton, $5.00; Grinnell, $2.00. Total, $8.00.
OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—Melrose, $2.00; Unionville, $1.00; Ottumwa, $1.00; Conference collection, $1.50. Total, $5.50.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $106.39.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home.*—Washington, Jennie Willing Band, $7.40. Total, $7.40.

Grand total. . . . . $113.79.

Kansas Conference.

MRS. MOLLIE S. COE, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—LEAVENWORTH DISTRICT.—Wyandotte, $20.00 (Mrs. Lucy B. Armstrong's Life membership.) Total, $20.00.
ATCHISON DISTRICT.—Atchison, $22.75; Juvenile Society, $5.45. Total, $28.20.

Conference Gleanings, $35.50. Total, $35.50.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $83.70.

Little Rock Conference.

To General Fund.—Little Rock, Wesley Chapel, Young People's Society, $2.80. Total, $2.80.

Louisiana Conference.

MRS. J. BENTLEY, Secretary. MRS. A. M. MARSHALL, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—*Special credits not given.*—Louisiana Conference, $71.70. Total, $71.70.
BATON ROGUE DISTRICT, $14.60. Total, $14.60.
LA FOURCHE DISTRICT, $13.60. Total, $13.60.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.—Monroe, Look Up Legion, $22.10.
Total, $122.00.

Special Fund.—*Hester Williams Home.*—Louisiana Conference, $25.00.
Total, $25.00.

Grand total . . . . . $147.00.

Maine Conference.

MRS. B. FREEMAN, Secretary. MRS. C. J. CLARK, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—PORTLAND DISTRICT.—Chebeague, $4.00.
Total, $4.00.

LEWISTON DISTRICT.—Bridgton, $6.00; Lewiston, $14.00; Gardiner, $5.00; Bethel, $11.00. Total, $36.00.

AUGUSTA DISTRICT.—Farmington, Dr. and Mrs. Houghton, $2.00; Kent's Hill, $25.00. Total, $27.00.

Other Sources.—Maine Conference Auxiliary, $23.00. Total, $23.00.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $90.00.

Special Fund.—"*Savannah.*"—Portland: Chestnut Street, Young Ladies' Society, $50.00; Pine Street, Young Ladies' Society, $6.46; Kent's Hill, $2.00.
Total, $58.46.

Grand total . . . . . $148.46.

Minnesota Conference.

MRS. H. W. PRATT, Secretary. MRS. J. H. FRITZ, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—(One-half of the Funds to General Treasury to be disbursed in the Conference.)—*Special credits not given.*—Whole amount contributed by the Conference, $202.10. Total, $202.10.

Special Fund.—*Mother's Jewels.*—Minneapolis, 50c. Total, 50c.

Grand total . . . . . $202.60.

Michigan Conference.

MRS. S. S. BURNS, Secretary. MRS. H. M. THOMAS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—ALBION DISTRICT.—Albion, $89.06; Battle Creek, $4.00; Jackson, $70.54. Total, $163.60.

COLDWATER DISTRICT.—Bloomer Centre, $11.75; Coldwater, $51.45; Fairplains, $40.80. Total, $104.00.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.—Kalamazoo, $140.90; Cooper, $7.00.
Total, $147.90.

NILES DISTRICT.—Coulter's Chapel, $40.25; East Victor, $9.00; Hartford, Mrs. Anderson, $5.00. Total, $54.25.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.—Grand Rapids, Division Street, $20.00; Hastings, $51.60; Muskegon, $17.49; Mrs. Hoag, $1.00. Total, $90.09.

IONIA DISTRICT.—Alma, $16.67; Carson City, $16.27; Edmore, $8.75; Greenville, $33.00; Ionia, $31.50; Lowell, $45.00. Total, $151.19.

LANSING DISTRICT.—Eagle, $12.00; Ovid, $43.75; Portland, $16.50; Mrs. Showman, $1.00 (for flag); Pottsville, $9.00; Vickneyville, $2.50; St. John, $10.75. Total, $95.50.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.—Big Rapids, $12.00; Lacy, $6.00; Trowbridge, $18.10. Total, $36.10.

FROM OTHER SOURCES.—*To Dissette Fund,* $75.00; Mrs. Knickerbocker, $5.00; a gift, $2.80; Annual Meeting Collection, $5.12; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miles, $6.00; J. T. Colburn, Monroe, $5.00; Mr. Isaac Barker, $4.00; Mr. S. S. Burns, $55.95; Mrs. D. F. Fargo, $3.00; Mrs. M. J. Brown, $1.20; Eaton Rapids Camp-meeting, $5.83; Mrs. Thornburg, $2.50; Mrs. A. L. Hallenbeck, $5.00; Ionia Camp-meeting, $50.75; Auxiliary dues, $30.00; Mrs. Mount, $2.00;

Michigan Conference Collection, $19.95; Mrs. Slocum, $2.00; Mrs. Mattie Hathaway, $5.00. Total, $286.10.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $1,128.73.

Special Funds.—*To Training-School.*—Albion, $2.50. Total, $2.50.

To Mother's Jewels.—Pontiac, 70c.; Portland, $1.00. Total, $1.70.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $ 4.20.
Grand total . . . . . 1,132.93.

Two hundred and eight dollars of General Fund were appropriated to Miss Saugstad's salary; the balance, to work in Michigan.

Mississippi Conference.

To General Fund.—Conference Collection, $20.45; Holly Springs, Rust University, $8.25. Total, $28.70.

Newark Conference.

MRS. J. I. BOSWELL, Secretary. MRS. A. DEGROOT, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NEWARK DISTRICT.—Belleville, $7.50; Orange, $49.00; Morristown, $68.00; Montclair, $29.20; Mount Tabor, Young Ladies' Society, $45.00; Montrose, $8.50; Newark, Central Church, $52.45; Dashiell Memorial, $18.90; DeGroot, $16.00; Halsey Street, $27.60; Roseville, $19.25; Trinity, $7.59; Summit, $28.00; by Rev. A. M. Palmer, $117.00 (from auxiliaries without special credits.) Total, $493.99.

JERSEY CITY DISTRICT.—Bayonne, Mattison Church, $19.00; Jersey City: Trinity, $5.00; West Side, $21.50; Hedding, $7.65; Nyack, St. Paul's Church, $16.00. Total, $69.15.

ELIZABETH DISTRICT.—Crawford, Young Ladies' Society, $29.33; Rahway Second Church, $25.03; Westfield, Young Ladies' Society, $32.50. Total, $86.86.

PATERSON DISTRICT.—Mount Hermon, $9.25; Delaware, Zion Church, $19.50; Paterson, Prospect Street, $32.97; Succasunna, $24.25. Total, $85.97.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $735.97.

Beneficiary Fund.—Newark, Trinity, $25.73; Morristown, $30.00; Elizabeth, St. James, $70.00; Westfield, $15.00. Total, $140.73.

Special Funds.—*To Boylan Home.*—Newark: Central Church, Mrs. De Groot's donation, $1,000.00; Miss Annin's Collection, $30.50; West Orange, $3.22; Mt. Tabor Young Ladies' Society, $35.00. Total, $1,068.72.

To Haven Home.—Newark Juvenile Band, Central Church, $21.00; Jersey City, Mrs. Boswell, $10.00. Total, $31.00.

To Indian Fund.—Westfield, $5.00. Total, $5.00.

To Utah Fund.—Westfield, $5.00. Total, $5.00.

To Mother's Jewels.—Newark, Trinity, 20c.; Halsey Street, $2.00. Total, $2.20.

To Castle Garden.—Jersey City, West Side, Mrs. Beach, $5.00. Total, $5.00.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $1,116.92.
Grand total . . . . . 2,043.62.

New England Conference.

MISS MARIA NEWHALL, Secretary. MRS. L. R. THAYER, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BOSTON DISTRICT.—Boston: People's Church, $16.00; Roslindale, $5.75; Winthrop Street, $44.00; Dorchester, $38.00; Grace, $5.00; Highland, $5.00; Natick, $17.35; Newton Centre, $4.00; Newtonville, $7.00; Worcester Union, $22.00; Appleton, $30.69; Hyde Park, $31.00. Total, $225.79.

NORTH BOSTON DISTRICT.—Ayer, $20.25; Boston, Trinity, $56.09; Monu-

ment Square, $3.50; Cambridge, Trinity, $33.00; Clinton, $30.90; Lowell, St. Paul, $24.00; Somerville: Broadway, $13.73; Flint, $18.00; Union Square, $10.70; Park Avenue, $20.00; Watertown "Golden Rule" Mission Band, $17.25; Winchester, $6.25. Total, $253.69.

LYNN DISTRICT.—Chelsea, Walnut Street, $13.00; Lynn Common, $93.00; Mission Band, $1.70; Malden, $100.00; "Peabody" Mission Band, $18.50; Salem: Union, $13.00; Lafayette Street, $10.00; Wesley Chapel, $26.00; Marblehead, $22.00; Ipswich, $6.00; Winthrop, $5.50. Total, $308.70.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Springfield, Union Society, $77.00; Florence, $15.00; Northampton Camp, $15.00; Mission Band, $1.70; Wilbraham, $40.25; Westfield, $17.00. Total, $165.95.

Other Sources.—Beverly, Mass., Mrs. Cordelia B. Jones, $1,000.00. Total, $1,000.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $1,954.13.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home.*—People's Church, $60.00; East Cambridge "Golden Rule" Mission Band, $30.00; Malden, Miss Waitt, $60.00; Mrs. Frank Durrell, $30.00; Wellesley Hills, $60.00; Watertown "Golden Rule" Band, $60.00; Boston, Friends, $15.09; Norwood, Miss Robins, $10.00; Lynn Common Mission Band, $13.00. Total, $338.09.

To Simpson Home.—Lynn Common: Proceeds of an Entertainment, $32.00. Total, $370.09.

Special Funds.—*To Savannah Fund.*—Worcester Union, Mr. L. E. Conant, $100.00 (to name a room in Haven Home in memory of his mother); Lowell, St. Paul, $10.00; Somerville, Union Square, $10.00. Total, $120.00.

To Utah.—Springfield, $60.00; Lynn Common, Mrs. Isaac Newhall and Miss Maria Newhall, $84.00. Total, $144.00.

To Indian Fund.—Somerville, Broadway, Mrs. D. McGregor, $20.00. Total, $20.00.

To Alaska.—Lowell, St. Paul, $60.00; Bequest of Mrs. Harriet Adams, $100.00; Boston, Monument Square, Mrs. Charles Butler, $20.00; Charlestown, Trinity, $20.00. Total, $200.00.

To Puget Sound.—Winchester, $11.00; West Somerville, $10.43. Total, $21.43.

To Gammon Home.—Charlestown, Trinity, $10.00; Malden, $523.03; Collections at the Grove, $14.00; Northhampton Camp, $6.50; Mrs. Holway, $10.00; Lynn Common: Mrs. Newhall, $20.00; Miss Emma Newhall, $5.00; Boston, Winthrop St., $20.00; Hyde Park, $4.00; Newtonville, $11.61; Worcester Union, $2.25; Milbury, Legacy of Mrs. Lucy Greene, $25.00; Collections from various sources, $195.00. Total, $846.39.

To Greensboro Home.—Salem, Lafayette Street, $12.00. Total, $12.00.

To Training-school.—Malden, Mrs. Cox and Miss Waitt, $10.00. Total, $10.00.

To Mother's Jewels.—Northampton Camp, $1.00; West Somerville, $1.00. Total, $2.00.

To Hester Williams Home.—Springfield, "Lend a Hand" Society, $5.00; T. T. Woodruff, $5.00. Total, $10.00.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $1,385.82.
Grand total. . . . . 3,710.04.

New England Southern Conference.

MRS. JAMES MATHER, Secretary. MISS MARY F. DURFEE, Treasurer.

To Special Funds.—*Home to be built in Camden.*—PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.—Attleboro, $2.55; Brockton, $13.00; Bristol, $41.00; Cocheset, $1.00; Drownville, $1.00; Brockton, Campello Church, $15.50; Newport, First Church, $27.58; Mrs. T. J. Freeborn, $5.00; Providence, $131.00; Miss Freelove Harris, $20.00;

Mrs. Henry Tuckley, $20.00; Mrs. K. L. Meeker, $1.00; Mrs. D. Hobart, $10.00; Miss Emma Pye, $10.00. Total, $298.63.

NORWICH DISTRICT.—East Glastonbury, $5.00; Hazardville, $10.00; New London, Cheerful Givers, $30.00; North Manchester, $4.50; South Manchester, $20.50; Willing Workers, $25.00; Norwich, Central Church, $71.25; Home Mission Circle, $29.00; Montville, Mrs. Browning, $15.00; Niantic, $20.00; Preston City, Miss Richardson, $4.00; Putnam, $1.08: Willimantic, $9.50; Willimantic Camp-meeting, collections by Mrs. Stanley, $39.95; Hartford, Mrs. Wilkes, $20.00; Mrs. Moore, $1.00 Total, $305.78.

NEW BEDFORD DISTRICT.—Cottage City, $78.60; Fall River, First Church, $23.65; North Dighton, $3.30; Provincetown, $65.83; Yarmouth Camp-meeting, $14.00; Conference Members, $8.00; Mrs. E. L. Hyde, $25.00; Taunton, a workingman, $2.00. Total, $220.38.

To Mother's Jewels.—Taunton, 90c. (F. Rawcliff); Mrs. Johnson, $1.00. Total, $1.90.

To Indian Fund.—Mrs. M. E. Nichols, $8.00; Providence, Mrs. Durfee, $8.00. Total, $16.00.

To Castle Garden Home.—Taunton, 50c. (F. R.); An Englishman, $1.00. Total, $1.50.

Total, $19.40.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $844.19.

New Hampshire Conference.

MRS. N. C. ALGER, Secretary. MRS. J. D. FOLSOM, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—DOVER DISTRICT.—Dover, Legacy of Louisa Graves, $100.00; Epping, $11.00; Mission Band, $4.00; Exeter, $3.00; Haverhill: Wesley Chapel, $30.00; Grace, $7.00; Lawrence, Garden Street, $5.00; Kingston, $17.00; Methuen, $5.50; Miss Congden, $1.00; Miss Corliss, $1.00; Salem Depot, $5.00; Amesbury, $4.00; West Hampstead, $2.00; Hedding Camp-meeting, $33.65; Miss Annie Dugan, $1.00. Total, $230.15.

CONCORD DISTRICT.—Groveton, $1.00; Groveton Camp-meeting, $2.31; Gilmanton, $2.00; Bethlehem, $1.00; Brow, $2.00; East Haverhill, $2.00; Lake Village, $13.00; Littleton, $1.50; Manchester, St. Paul, $57.07; Mrs. Ferron, $20.00; Franklin Falls, Willing Workers, $6.00; Warren, $3.50; Young People's Society, $2.00; Tilton, $4.00; Stark, $1.00; Stratford, $1.00; Jefferson, $1.00; Stillwater, 50c.; Weir's Mission Band, $2.63; Mite-boxes, $3.07; Camp-meeting Auxiliary and Collections, $12.00; Swiftwater and Benton, $15.50; North Haverhill, Mission Band, $4.06. Total, $158.14.

CLAREMONT DISTRICT.—Bristol, $4.00; Claremont Union Camp-meeting, $7.50; Keene, $11.10; Marlow, $5.00; Lillie Whitney, 94c.; Westport, $4.50; Mrs. Tyrrell, 10c. Contingent Fund. Total, $33.14.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $421.43.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Boylan Home.*—Haverhill: Grace Church, $22.00; through Miss Emerson, $8.75; Rumney, Mrs. S. P. Heath, $13.50. Total, $44.25.

Special Funds.—*To Boylan Home.*—Haverhill, Mass., Miss Hannah Fitts, $100.00 (to name a room); Epping, $4.00; Exeter, $7.00; Haverhill, Grace Church, $8.50; Lawrence, $37.00; Methuen, $7.00; Franklin Falls, Willing Workers, $15.00; Manchester, St. Paul, $18.60; Mission Band, $20.00; Salem Depot, $10.45; Mission Band, $1.55; Warren, $3.00; Young People, $2.00; Wilmot, $2.00; Columbia, 16c.; Antrim, $2.00; Keene, $5.00; Westport, $4.00; Conference Members, $4.25. Total, $251.51.

To Training-school.—Marlow, $1.65; Westport, $1.00. Total, $2.65.

To Mother's Jewels.—Providence, Mrs. Johnson, $1.00. Total, $1.00.

To Castle Garden.—Taunton, "a friend," $1.00. Total, $1.00.

To Hester Williams Home.—Portsmouth, Mrs. C. M. Haven, $5.00. Total, $5.00.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $261.16.

Grand total . . . . . 726.84.

New Jersey Conference.

MRS. C. F. GARRISON, Secretary. MRS. N. L. CAMINADE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.—Keansburg, $5.58; Ocean Grove, St. Paul, $16.77; Seaside Band, $4.11; North Long Branch, $11.67. Total, $38.13.

TRENTON DISTRICT.—Trenton: Green Street, $45.45; State Street, $38.75; Hamilton Avenue, $4.00; Mrs. Wells, 85c. Total, $89.05.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.—Camden: Centenary, $79.00; Tabernacle, $3.25; Mrs. Fry, $20.00; Mrs. Turner, $5.00; Pedrickton, $10.39. Total, $117.64.

BRIDGETON DISTRICT.—Bridgeton: Central Church, $25.00; Dias' Creek, $1.30; Milville, Trinity, $75.60; Vineland, $50.00. Total, $151.90.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $396.72.

Beneficiary Fund.—Conference offerings, $50.00 (to Training-school); Morristown, $30.00 (to Haven Home). Total, $80.00.

Special Fund.—*To Morristown (Tenn.) Home.*—New Jersey Conference Anniversary Collection, $300.00 (this includes Mrs. Fisk's donation of one hundred dollars on that occasion). Total, $300.00.

Grand total . . . . . $776.72.

New York Conference.

MISS MARTHA VAN MARTER, Secretary. MISS S. J. BRIGHAM, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NEW YORK DISTRICT.—Eighteenth Street, $61.41; Lucy Hayes Band, $27.19; Park Avenue, $10.64; Mission Circle, $18.83; Perry Street, $34.53; Twenty-fourth Street, $20.04; Young Ladies' Missionary Society, $5.87; Washington Square, $75.07; St. Andrews, $54.08; Fifty-sixth Street, $19.50; Duane, $6.00; Tarrytown, $13.00; Carmel, $9.95. Total, $356.11.

POUGHKEEPSIE DISTRICT.—Poughkeepsie: Hedding, $15.20; Washington Street, $11.00. Total, $26.20.

PRATTSVILLE DISTRICT.—Pine Hill, $15.00. Total, $15.00.

ELLENVILLE DISTRICT.—Deposit, Mission Circle, $10.30; Equinunk, Children's Band, $7.81; Hancock, Young People's Society, $33.55; Liberty, $17.00; Middletown, $26.14. Total, $94.80.

NEWBURG DISTRICT.—Kingston: Young Ladies' Society, $19.55; Rondout, $28.30; Mission Band, $21.00; Nannie Brougher, $1.00. Total, $69.85.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference Collections, $204.23.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $766.19.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home.*—New York, Twenty-fourth Street, Young Ladies' Society, $63.42; Rondout, Mission Band, $58.00; Kingston, Clinton Avenue Young Ladies' Society, $22.81. Total, $144.23.

To Boylan Home.—New York: Bedford, Mission Band, $26.25. Total, $26.25.

Total to Beneficiary Fund . . . . . $170.48.

Special Funds.—*To Castle Garden.*—Collections at all day meeting, $54.72; Sale of Books, $8.14; Harlem, St. James, $7.00; New York: Twenty-fourth Street, $10.00; Washington Square, $75.00; Park Avenue, $41.00; Perry, $1.00; Middletown, Children's Band, $23.44; Liberty, $20.00; Mrs. DeHaven, $25.00; Mina Gibson, $25.00; Nannie J. Boughton, $1.00; *To Mother's Jewels*, $4.00.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $295.30.
Grand total. . . . . $1,231.97.

New York East Conference.

MRS. L. H. CARHART, Secretary. MRS. H. F. TIBBALLS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NEW YORK DISTRICT.—Brooklyn: Summerfield, $143.25; Mrs. E. Paine, $10.00; Woodbury, $1.00. Total, $154.25.

BROOKLYN DISTRICT.—Brooklyn: Hanson Place, $83.00; Nostrand Avenue, $106.00. Total, $189.00.
NEW HAVEN DISTRICT, $4.60 (without credit.) Total, $4.60.
Total to General Fund . . . . . $347.85.

Beneficiary Fund.—Hempstead, Mrs. S. M. Norris, $50.00 (to educate an Indian girl.) Total, $50.00.

Special Funds.—*To Indian Fund.*—Brooklyn, Hanson Place, Children's Band, $50.00; Hempstead, $10.00. Total, $60.00.
To Peck Home.—Summerfield, $50.00. Total, $50.00.
Total to Special Funds . . . . . $110.00.
Grand total. . . . . 507.85.

North Indiana Conference.

MISS L. E. ROBINSON, Secretary. MRS. L. H. RUNYAN, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—FORT WAYNE DISTRICT.—Dacatur, $5.00; Cherubusco, Children's Band, 42c. Total, $5.42.
GOSHEN DISTRICT.—Elkhart, $4.75. Total, $4.75.
WARSAW DISTRICT.—Marion, $6.18; Columbia City, $1.00; Wabash, $8.00. Total, $15.18.
MUNCIE DISTRICT.—Pendleton, $3.50; Red Key, Children's Band, $6.00. Total, $9.50.
KOKOMO DISTRICT.—Elwood and Frankton, $1.00. Total, $1.00.
RICHMOND DISTRICT.—Richmond, First Church, $6.70; Young Ladies' Society, $9.39; Conference Collections, $12.75; A friend, $1.00. Total, $27.84.
Total to General Fund . . . . . $63.69.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home.*—Marion, $18.82. *To Little Rock.*—New Castle, Young Ladies' Society, $14.75. Total, $33.57.

Special Funds.—*To Savannah.*—Richmond First Church, $5.00; Young Ladies' Society, $4.10. Total, $9.10.
To Utah.—Rev. N. Gillam, $10.00. Total, $10.00.
Total to Special Funds . . . . . $19.10.
Grand total. . . . . $ 116.36.

North Ohio Conference.

MRS. H. E. DOUD, Secretary. MRS. H. HARROUN, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CLEVELAND DISTRICT.—Cleveland: Franklin Avenue, $60.00; Lucy Hayes Band, $17.00; Jennings Avenue, $7.70; Jennings Avenue Juvenile, $6.58; Wellington, $40.65; Wellington Juvenile, $1.50; New London, $15.00; Penfield Juvenile, $4.00; Huntington, $21.00; Brooklyn Mission Band, $1.75; Brighton, $2.00. Total, $177.18.
GALION DISTRICT.—Crestline, $24.50; Mt. Gilead, $31.25. Total, $55.75.
MANSFIELD DISTRICT.—Mansfield, $30.25; Ashland, $26.80; Plymouth, $9.25; Plymouth Juvenile, $4.10; Hayesville, $9.68; Ontario, $15.00; Ontario Band, $1.97; Bellville Juvenile, $4.20; Pavonia, $10.65; Loudonville, $10.75. Total, $122.65.
MT. VERNON DISTRICT.—Fredericktown, $20.05; Roscoe, $12.25; Spring Mountain, $7.50. Total, $39.80.
SANDUSKY DISTRICT.—Sandusky District Society, $4.20; Norwalk, $44.50; Sandusky, $21.50; Norwalk Juvenile, $5.28; East Townsend, $6.50; Bellevue, $15.00; Home Lights, $6.34; Band, 82c.; Tiffin, $26.00; North Fairfield, $1.00. Total, $131.14.
WOOSTER DISTRICT.—Wooster, $25.00; Orrville, $10.00; Millersburg, $3.73; Smithville, $5.00; Canaan, $5.20; Fredericksburg, $15.00; Wooster District Society, $1.05. Total, $64.98.

COLLECTION AT CONFERENCE.—Galion, $19.00. Total, $19.00.
MEMBERSHIP IN LECTURE BUREAU, $6.20. Total, $6.20.
Total to General Fund . . . . . $616.70.

Beneficiary Fund.—Oberlin, $60.00. Total, $60.00.

Special Funds.—*Indian Fund.*—*To Otoes:* Cleveland, Franklin Avenue, Lucy Hayes Band, $17.00; East Townsend, $20.00; Cleveland, Franklin Avenue, $20.00. *To Pawnees.*—Norwalk Juvenile, $20.00; Bellevue, $20.00; North Fairfield, $18.00. Total, $115.00.

To Utah.—Cleveland, Franklin Avenue, $20.00 (Scandinavian work); Mrs. S. C. Moore, $15.00 (to Organ for Grantsville); Cleveland, Lucy Hayes Band, $23.25 (to flag for Salt Lake Home); collected at Annual Meeting, $25.00 (to organ for Grantsville); Mt. Gilead, $5.00 (to Lucy Hayes School-houses). Total, $88.25.

To Savannah Fund.—Crestline, $1.50; Plymouth Juvenile, $16.00; Oberlin, $60.00. Total, $77.50.

To Kent Home.—Cleveland, Franklin Avenue, $20.00; Lucy Hayes Band, $20.00; Jennings Avenue, $30.00. Total, $70.00.

To Elizabeth Rust Home.—Cleveland, Lucy Hayes Band (for organ), $10.35; Penfield, $10.00; Mansfield (Mrs. H. C. Hedges, for organ), $20.00; Plymouth, $5.00; for organ, 75c.; Ontario, $5.00 (for organ); Norwalk, $33.38; Sandusky (Mrs. Maria Ramsey, for organ), $5.00; Norwalk Juvenile (by Mr. Calvin Whitney), $20.00; Bellevue (for organ), $9.76; Bellevue, $27.20; Tiffin (for organ), $11.00; Norwalk (for organ), $40.00; Mansfield, $10.00. Total, $207.44.

To Mother's Jewels.—Cleveland, Lucy Hayes Band, $2.40; Crestline, 20c. Total, $2.60.

To Chicago Training-school.—Mt. Gilead, $2.50; Hayesville, $1.82; Norwalk, Juvenile Band, $6.95. Total, $11.27.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $572.06.

Conference Contingent Fund (collected and disbursed by the Conference), $42.66. Total, $42.66.

Grand total . . . . . $1,291.42.

North-west Indiana Conference.

MRS. S. A. MATTHEWS, Secretary. MRS. MYRON CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CRAWFORDSVILLE DISTRICT.—Clermont, $1.00; Perrysville, $1.00. Total, $2.00.

GREENCASTLE DISTRICT.—Harveysburg, $2.50. Total, $2.50.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT.—Lafayette Circuit, $1.00; Lafayette, Trinity, $25.25. Total, $26.25.

LAPORTE DISTRICT.—Argos, $3.00; Laporte, $7.55; Kewanna, $4.50; South Bend: First Church, $18.60; Young People's Society, $2.50; Michigan Street, $20.00; Michigan City, $3.22. Total, $59.37.

VALPARAISO DISTRICT.—Crown Point, $28.35. Total, $28.35.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $118.47.

Special Funds.—*To Utah.*—Lafayette: First Church, $4.00; Union Mills, $3.84; Crown Point, $8.57; Lafayette, Trinity, Willing Workers, $21.25; Mrs. C. G. Miller, $20.00. Total, $57.66.

Grand total . . . . . $176.13.

Northern New York Conference.

MRS. HELEN D. FERGUSON, Secrerary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—HERKIMER DISTRICT.—Little Falls, $8.75; Sanquoit, $1.00. Total, $9.75.

OSWEGO DISTRICT.—Pulaski, $9.35. Total, $9.35.

UTICA DISTRICT.—Utica, First Church, $48.95; Madison, $21.50; Rome, $10.00; Booneville, $1.00. Total, $81.45.
WATERTOWN DISTRICT.—Carthage, $8.00. Total, $8.00.
CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.—$94.00. Total, $94.00.
Total to General Fund . . . . . $202.55.
Special Funds.—*Utah, Henry F. Spencer Home.*—Watertown, $24.38; Black River, $25.00. Total, $49.38.
Grand total . . . . . $251.93.

North-west Iowa Conference.

MRS. J. P. NEGUS, Secretary. MRS. J. B. SHESLER, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—ALGONA DISTRICT.—Dakota City, $13.55; Clear Lake, $4.00. Total, $17.55.
FORT DODGE DISTRICT.—Fort Dodge, $31.77; Hubbard Boys Band, $10.35; Early, $2.85; Mission Band, $1.70; Grant City, $8.00; Newell Mite-boxes, $5.00. $59.67.
SHELDON DISTRICT.—Rock Rapids, $23.75; Sanborn, $4.35; Sibley, $7.00; Spencer, $9.25; Inwood, Willing Workers, $6.55. Total, $50.90.
SIOUX CITY DISTRICT.—Cherokee, $18.75; Le Mars, $9.75; collection at Storm Lake Camp-meeting, $7.30. Total, $35.80.
MEMBERSHIPS COLLECTED AT CONFERENCE, $8.00; CONFERENCE GLEANINGS, $24.00. Total, $32.00.
Total to General Fund . . . . . $195.92.
Special Funds.—*To Mother's Jewels.*—Mrs. Blackstone, 50c. Total, 50c.
Grand total . . . . . $196.42.

Nebraska Conference.

MRS. ANGIE F. NEWMAN, Secretary. MRS. M. E. ROBERTS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Nebraska Conference dues and collections, $53.37. Total, $53.37.
Special Funds.—*To Utah.*—Ashland, $8.00; Nebraska City, $3.00; Plattsmouth, $17.00. Total, $28.00.
To Mother's Jewels.—Mrs. Spurlock, 20c. Total, 20c.
Total to Special Funds . . . . . $28.20.
Grand total . . . . . 81.57.

North Nebraska Conference.

MRS. T. B. HILTON, Secretary. MRS. H. M. MARQUETTE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Omaha, First Church, $10.00; North Nebraska Conference, $38.75. (Without special credits). Total, $48.75.

North-west Kansas Conference.

MRS. M. E. GRIFFITH, Secretary. MRS. M. T. HOLLEN, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Gleanings at Conference, $26.00; Kirwin, $7.00; Pleasant View, $3.00; Downs, $2.00. Total, $38.00.
Total to General Fund . . . . . $38.00.

Ohio Conference.

MRS. T. W. STANLEY, Secretary. MRS. J. R. LYTLE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CHILLICOTHE DISTRICT.—Adelphi, $23.55; Concord, $13.75; Estelle, $2.00; Frankfort, $20.00; Kingston, $14.25; Greenland, $5.50; Locust Grove, $12.00; New Holland, $22.25; Washington Court House, $35.25; Westville, $6.00; Mrs. Proo's Life membership, $20.00. Total, $174.55.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.—Canal Winchester, $1.75; Columbus Union, $148.56; Third Avenue, $54.50; Young Ladies' Society, $8.00. Total, $212.81.

GALLIPOLIS DISTRICT.—Gallipolis, $19.00; Hamden Junction, $7.52. Total, $26.52.

LANCASTER DISTRICT.—Circleville, $7.50; Junction City, $6.25; Logan, $21.00; South Bloomfield, $3.50. Total, $38.25.

LONDON DISTRICT.—Commercial Point, $8.00; Bloomingsburgh, $14.50; Delaware: St. Paul, $58.23; Young Ladies' Society, $10.50; Willing Workers, $1.50; London, $8.89; Plain City, $10.50; Stratford, $36.83; Worthington, $8.60. Total, $157.55.

MARIETTA DISTRICT.—Nelsonville, $14.75; Marietta, $20.88; Athens, $15.23. Total, $50.86.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.—Ironton, $38.75; Olive Furnace, $16.55; Portsmouth, Bigelow, $33.23; Sixth Street, $2.20. Total, $90.73.

ZANESVILLE DISTRICT.—Dresden, $11.35; Frazeysburgh, $13.50; Fultonham, $5.45; Malta, $12.50; Roseville, $15.50; Zanesville, Second Church, $34.97; Sabelle, $1.50. Total, $94.77.

OTHER SOURCES.—CAMP MEETING COLLECTION, $38.73; OHIO CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS, $44.72. Total, $83.45.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $929.49.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home.*—Columbus, Young Ladies' Society, $60.00. Total, $60.00.

To Student in Delaware, from Utah.—Delaware, St. Paul, Young Ladies' Society, $9.50; Gallopolis, $40.00. Total, $49.50.

To Simpson Home.—Ironton, $40.00; Zanesville, Second Church, $20.00. Total, $60.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund . . . . . $169.50.

Special Funds.—*To Utah.*—Columbus Union, $245.20. Total, $245.20.

To Indian Fund.—Columbus, Third Avenue, $50.00; Ironton, $20.00; Delaware: St. Paul, $30.39; Young Ladies' Society, $4.29. Total, $104.68.

To Nickel Fund.—Marietta, 70c. Total, 70c.

To Mother's Jewels.—Olive Furnace, $5.30; Ironton, 60c.; Marietta, 25c.; Columbus, Third Avenue, $1.11; Lancaster, $1.50. Total, $8.76.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $359.34.
Grand total. . . . . $1,458.33.

Oregon Conference.

MRS. H. P. WEBB, Secretary. MRS. J. T. WOLFE, Treasurer.

To Special Fund.—CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS, $22.65, sent by Treasurer, Rev. S. A. Starr. Total, $22.65.

Philadelphia Conference.

To General Fund.—NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Paul Street, Frankford, $45.00; Fifth Street, $32.00; Summerfield Church, $43.00; Fourth Street, Reading, $15.00. Total, $135.00.

NORTH-WEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Grace Church, $61.00; Tioga Church, $20.00; Nineteenth Street, $38.00; Juvenile Band, $5.00; Tabernacle, $53.00; Germantown, Haines Street, $68.00. Total, $245.00.

WEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Lancaster, St. Paul, $10.00; Philadelphia: Spring Garden, $141.00; Green Street, $37.00; Radnor, $13.61; Bryn Mawr, St. Luke, $29.50; Christ Church, $46.00; Trinity, $22.00. Total, $299.11.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Paschalville, $1.25; Madison Street, 25.25; Ebenezer, $49.91; Wharton Street, $40.60; Arch Street, $101.00. Total, $218.01.

FOR REPORTS, $12.00. Total, $12.00.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $909.12.

Beneficiary Fund.—Haines Street, Mrs. Palen, $30.00. Total, $30.00.

Special Funds.—*To Utah.*—*To Logan.*—Fifth Street, $24.88; Grace, $26.11; Tioga, $25.05; Nineteenth Street, $25.31; Tabernacle, $15.59; Haines Street, $145.50; Spring Garden Street, $175.00; Green Street, $15.00; Bryn Mawr, St. Luke, $25.00; Trinity, $30.00; Madison Street, $1.00; Ebenezer Church, $19.76; Arch Street, $325.20. Conference Collections for Utah, $200.00.
Total, $1,396.48.

To Savannah Fund.—Philadelphia: Tioga, $1.00; Christ Church, $1.00.
Total, $2.00.

To Indian Fund.—Frankford: Paul Street, $20.00; Spring Garden, $50.00; Green Street, $20.00. Total, $90.00.

To Simpson Home.—Philadelphia: Grace Church, $60.00; Haines Street, Matthew Simpson "Band of Grace," $35.00: Spring Garden Church, $82.98; Bryn Mawr, St. Luke, $40.00; Madison Street, $27.25. Total, $245.23.

To Mother's Jewels.—Christ Church, 60c.; Arch Street, $5.25. Total, $5.85.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $1,396.48.
Grand Total . . . . . 2,335.60.

Pittsburgh Conference.

MRS. M. J. SCHOYER, Secretary. MISS A. R. INGRAM, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—PITTSBURGH DISTRICT.—Pittsburgh: Butler Street, $150.00; Christ Church, $118.00; Emory, $121.00; Smithfield Street, $25.00; Crafton, $5.50; Oakland, $13.00; McCandless Street, $1.00; Mrs. Mary Canan, $2.00. Total, $435.50.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.—Allegheny: Arch Street, $20.00; North Avenue, $39.00; Union, $43.60. Total, $102.60.

BLAIRSVILLE DISTRICT.—Blairsville, $18.00; Verona, $2.00; Greensburg, $20.57; Cokeville, $12.00. Total, $52.57.
Total to General Fund . . . . . $590.67.

Special Funds.—*To Utah.*—Allegheny, $11.00. Total, $11.00.

To Peck Home.—Christ Church, $40.00; Emery, $20.00; Blairsville, $20.00; Butler Street, $80.00. Total, $160.00.

To Mother's Jewels.—Mrs. N. K. Frey, $1.50. Total, $1.50.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $172.50.
Grand total . . . . . 763.17.

Puget Sound Conference.

MRS. D. G. LE SOURD, Secretary. ——— ———, Treasurer.

To Special Fund.—Puget Sound Conference, $22.00 (through Mrs. Colonel Springer). Total, $22.00.

Rock River Conference.

MRS. E. E. MARCY, Secretary. MRS. T. C. HOAG, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—With request that it be appropriated to Atlanta, *Gammon Home.*

CHICAGO DISTRICT.—Chicago: Langley Avenue, $30.60; Kellogg, $1.00; Wesley Chapel, Mary Parkhurst Band of Hope, $7.93; Michigan Avenue Band of Hope, $7.00; Lake Bluff, $24.25; Evanston, First Church, $132.30; North Evanston, $2.48; South Evanston, $17.25; Oak Park, $23.50; Roger's Park, $22.00; Des Plaines, $6.39; River Forest, 75c.; Waukegan, $4.00; Austin, $4.31. Total, $283.76.

AURORA DISTRICT.—Aurora, $19.00; Young Ladies' Society, $6.00; Batavia, $12.00; Plano, $12.53; Princeton, $13.00; Sandwich, $15.00.
Total, $77.53.

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FREEPORT DISTRICT.—Freeport, First Church, $37.50; Galena, $55.00; Shirland, 25c.; Warren, $13.85. Total, $106.60.

JOLIET DISTRICT.—Joliet, Ottawa Street, $51.25; Morris, $28.00; Peotone, $22.10; Millbrook, $12.50. Total, $113.85.

ROCKFORD DISTRICT.—Libertyville, $1.00; Rockford, $31.00; Elgin, $11.00. Total, $43.00.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $624.74.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home*, Chicago, Michigan Avenue Band of Hope, $40.00. Total, $40.00.

To Chicago Training-school.—Evanston, $45.00. Total, $45.00.

To Adeline Smith Home.—Roger's Park, $15.00. Total, $15.00.

To Atlanta.—Evanston, $80.00; Young Ladies' Society, $40.00. Total, $120.00.

To Bennett Seminary.—Evanston, $50.00. Total, $50.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund . . . . . $270.00.

Special Funds.—*To Little Rock, Adeline Smith Home.*—Oak Park, $4,000.00 (donated by Mrs. Adeline Smith); Mr. Blackstone, $125.00 (to build a cistern). Total, $4,125.00.

To Atlanta.—Batavia, Mrs. E. H. Gammon, $500.00 (to be appropriated to building new Home). Total, $500.00.

To Training-school.—Evanston, $181.30; South Evanston, $2.50; Rockford Union, $3.10; Nunda, $3.00; Aurora, $1.65; Batavia, $5.00; Yorkville, $1.00; Joliet, Ottawa Street, 65c.; Minooka, $2.00; Willamette, Mission Band, $5.00. Total, $205.20.

To Utah.—Chicago, Park Avenue, $3.00. Total, $3.00.

To Savannah Fund.—River Forest, Young Ladies' Society, $75.00 (to name a room "River Forest.") Total, $75.00.

To Alaska.—Evanston, First Church, $105.50; Oak Park, $17.00; North Evanston, $5.00; Lake Bluff, $7.00; Chicago, Wesley Chapel, $10.00; Michigan Avenue, Band of Hope, $2.00; Des Plaines, $13.00; Elgin, $8.50; Batavia, $5.00; Wheaton, $5.00; Joliet: Ottawa Street, $11.50; Richard Street, $1.00; Seneca and Manlius, $1.00; Platteville, $1.00; Plainfield, $1.00; Freedom, $1.00; Manhattan, 50c.; Peotone, $5.00. Total, $200.00.

Bohemian Work in Chicago.—Evanston, First Church, $203.67. Total, $203.67.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $5,311.87.
Grand total . . . . . 6,206.61.

St. Louis Conference.

———— ————, Secretary.

To General Fund.—St. Louis, Water Tower, $2.50; Conference collections, $13.25; Donation, $1.00. Total, $16.75.

St. John's River Conference.

To General Fund.—By Rev. G. W. Butler, $2.00. Total, $2.00.

Southern Illinois Conference.

MRS. N. DICKSON, Secretary. MRS. C. E. BROWN, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Lebanon, $17.00; Jerseyville, $9.25; Belleville, $6.00; Brighton, $1.00; Wanda, $4.00; Conference collections, $26.00 (without special credits). Total, $63.25.

South Carolina Conference.

——— ———, Secretary.

To General Fund.—Charleston: Centenary Church, $31.87; Wesley Chapel, $11.50; Old Bethel, $9.50. Total, $52.87.

Special Fund.—*To Simpson Home.*—Conference offering, $50.00 (to name a room "Laura Webster.") Total, $50.00.

Grand total . . . . . $102.87.

South Kansas Conference.

MRS. W. H. CARNARDINE, Secretary. MRS. L. H. RHOADES, Treasurer.

To Special Funds.—*To Indian Fund.*—Independence, $40.13. Total, $40.13.

To Savannah Fund.—Burlington, $2.00; Eureka, $2.00. Total, $4.00.

To Mother's Jewels.—New Albany, $1.25. Total, $1.25.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $45.38.

South-west Kansas Conference.

MRS. W. S. BUCKNER, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—G. F. Hutchinson, $9.00; Conference gleanings, $34.00; Winfield, $9.20. Total, $52.20.

Special Funds.—*To Mother's Jewels.*—Winfield, $11.20. Total, $11.20.

Grand total . . . . . $63.40.

South-east Indiana Conference.

MRS. C. S. CHAFEE, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CONNERSVILLE DISTRICT.—Connersville, $45.00; College Corner, $6.75. Total, $51.75.

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT.—Indianapolis: Central Avenue, $21.25; Roberts Park, $50.00; Shelbyville, $6.08. Total, $77.33.

MOORE'S HILL DISTRICT.—Lawrenceburg, $24.25; Greensburg, First Church, $23.48; Conference collections, $15.00. Total, $67.68.

CONTINGENT FUND, $4.95. Total, $4.95.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $201.71.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To E. L. Rust Home.*—From a friend, through Mrs. Lodge, $25.00. *To Adeline Smith Home.*—From a friend, through Mrs. Lodge, $25.00. Total, $50.00.

Special Funds.—*To Savannah.*—Indianapolis: Roberts Park, $2.00; Fletcher Place, $2.00; Connersville, $10.00. Total, $14.00.

To Mother's Jewels.—Greensburg, $1.10; Roberts Park, 60c.; Helen G. Woodward, 10c.; Clora E. Yungling, 10c. Total, $1.90.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $15.90.

Grand total . . . . . $267.61.

Southern California Conference.

MRS. G. W. WHITE, Secretary. MRS. M. A. GIBSON, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—LOS ANGELES DISTRICT	$ 896.25
SAN DIEGO DISTRICT	135.00
FRESNO DISTRICT	45.25
SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT	2.00
GERMAN DISTRICT	3.00
CONFERENCE COLLECTION	27.31
Grand total	$1,108.81

Texas Conference.

MRS. ISABELLA HOWELLS, Secretary and Treasurer.

To Special Fund, *raised and disbursed in the Conference.*—HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.—Liberty, $2.00: Danville, $3.00; Willis and Orange, $2.00; Huntsville Circle, $1.85; Montgomery, $1.00; Beaumont and Corrigan, $2.00; Walker Circuit, $1.00; Cold Spring, $1.00. Total, $13.85.

HOUSTON DISTRICT.—Mount Vernon, $33.90; Spring Station, $4.00; Columbia, $2.00; Galveston, St. Paul's, $21.00; Hockley, $5.00; Oyster Creek, $1.00; West Tabernacle, $1.10; Houston: Sloane Street, $3.00; Trinity, $16.85; Harrisburg, 50c. Total, $88.35.

NAVASOTA DISTRICT.—Brenham Circuit, $1.00; Navasota, $1.00; Anderson, $1.50; Franklin Circuit, $1.00; San Filipe, $4.00; Millican, $1.00; Hearne, $1.00; Bryan, $1.00; Iola, $1.00. Total, $12.50.

PALESTINE DISTRICT.—Leona, $2.00; Mineola, $1.00; Jacksonville, $1.00; Madison, $1.00; Palestine, $1.00. Total, $6.00.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.—Marshall, $3.25. Total, $3.25.

Total to Special Fund. . . . . $123.95.

Troy Conference.

MRS. E. W. SIMPSON, Secretary. MRS. C. E. MOREY, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—TROY DISTRICT.—Hoosick Falls, $10.58; Pittsfield, Juvenile Society, $4.74; Troy, North Second Street, $7.00; Rev. J. E. C. Sawyer, $20.00; Lansingburg, $2.00; Sand Lake, $3.05. Total, $47.37.

ALBANY DISTRICT.—Albany, Ash Grove, $26.00; First Church, $36.10; Amsterdam, $15.00; Mission Band, $4.25; Fort Plain, $8.00; Seward, $2.50. Total, $91.85.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—Middleberg, $13.00; Burlington, $24.00. Total, $37.00.

SARATOGA DISTRICT.—Saratoga, $8.00; Miss Wilson, $6.00; Mechanicsville, $1.50. Total, $15.50.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.—Fort Edward, $14.50; Glens Falls, $13.50; Round Lake, $30.00. Total, $58.00.

PLATTSBURG DISTRICT.—Keeseville, $6.75; Wadhams Mills, $6.00; Westport, $8.18; Millsborough, $1.00; Jay, Mr. J. P. Coane, $1.00. Total, $22.93.

ESTATE OF MRS. ISABELLA H. WARD, $984.90.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $1,257.55.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Kent Home.*—Poultney, $10.00; Pittsfield, "Little Reapers," $2.50; North Second Street, $20.00; Fort Edward, $2.00; Greenwich, $12.00; Gloversville, $11.58; Troy Young People's Society, Second Church, $20.00; Waterford, $5.75; West Sand Lake, $20.00; Shelburne, $5.00. Total, $108.83.

Special Funds.—*To Kent Home.*—*Greensboro Fund.*—Collections by Rev. J. J. Noe, $75.18; Troy, State Street, $10.00; Rev. J. C. E. Sawyer, $20.00; Glens Falls, $20.00; Amsterdam, $95.50; Mission Band, $20.00; Poultney, $2.00; West Sand Lake, $27.25; Hoosick Falls, $13.80; Mite Boxes, $1.98; Lansingburg, $10.00; Troy, Second Street, $16.17; Waterford, $1.00; Albany: Trinity, $39.48; Ash Grove, $62.50; First Church, $4.00; St. Luke, $25.00; Clarksville, $1.00; Seward, $7.50; Fonda, $4.75; Gloversville, $68.08; Jonesville, $14.00; Johnstown, $12.00; Saratoga Springs, $34.43; Fort Edward, $11.00; Greenwich, $13.00; Warrensburg, $8.00; Burlington, $28.00; Middleburg, $8.00; Shelburne, $43.00; Plattsburg, $34.40. Total, $731.02.

To Castle Garden.—Amsterdam Mission Band, $10.00; Fort Edward, Mrs. Grant, $5.00; Round Lake, $40.00; Mrs. Dyer, $20.00; Vergennes, Rev. W. W. Smith and wife, $10.00; Lansing, $10.00; Plattsmouth, Mrs. A. Guehard,

$5.00; Moriah, Rev. S. B. Gregg, $5.00; Saratoga, Mrs. Hathorn, $5.00; Shaghticoke, Rev. J. B. Perkins, $5.00. Total, $115.00.

To Utah.—Mrs. Wm. Carpenter, $250 (to S. V. Leach Mission Home.) Total, $250.00.

To Indian Fund.—Plattsburg Mission Band, $25.00; Gloversville, $40.00; Lansingburg, $3.00; Collections by Rev. J. J. Noe, $100.00. Total, $168.00.

To Savannah Fund.—Argyle, $2.00. Total, $2.00.

To Training School.—Saratoga, $4.00. Total, $4.00.

To Mother's Jewels.—Troy, Second Street, $2.20; Gloversville, $2.80; Waterford, $2.00. Total, $7.00.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $1,277.02.
Grand total . . . . . $2,643.40.

Upper Iowa Conference.

MRS. COL. SPRINGER, Secretary. MRS. J. G. VAN NESS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT.—Cedar Falls, $8.60; Janesville, $6.19; Jessup, $5.60; Mt. Auburn, $9.84; Rockford, $9.50; Waverly, $26.50; Waterloo, Jefferson Street, $10.10; Parkersburg, $6.50. Total, $82.83.

CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT.—Anamosa, $14.90; Cedar Rapids, $24.00; Marion, $38.05; Mt. Vernon, $50.00; Viola, $1.25. Total, $128.20.

DAVENPORT DISTRICT.—Davenport, $35.00; Centre Junction, $9.25; Juvenile Band, $1.50; Delmar, Young Ladies' Society, $9.25; Ellwood, $6.75; Burgess, $24.30; DeWitt, $21.95; Monmouth, $5.40; Maquoketa, $28.60; Miles, $2.75; Vernon Prairie, $20.54. Total, $165.29.

DECORAH DISTRICT.—Decorah, Rev. and Mrs. Ferris, $2.00; Burr Oak, $0.90; Osage, $30.40; Iowa City, $25.30. Total, $58.60.

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—Epworth, $7.05; Fayette, $18.00; Manchester, $24.00; Dubuque, $58.63; Independence, $17.35; Hopkinton, $10.15; Onslow, $8.00. Total, $143.18.

MARSHALLTOWN DISTRICT.—Hampton, $27.00: Mason City, $42.00; Morrison, $8.00; Blairstown, $3.50; Toledo, $3.00. Total, $83.00.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $661.60.

Special Funds.—*To Kent Home.*—Onslow, $6.50; Waterloo, Jefferson Street, $6.35; Centre Junction, $3.75; Iowa City, $20.00. Total, $36.60.

To Savannah.—Iowa City, $5.00; Marion, $14.75; Miles, $7.00. Total, $26.75.

To Utah.—Hopkington, $11.00; Manchester, $28.50. Total, $39.50.

To Morristown Home.—Morrison, $11.00; Manchester, $25.00; Rockford, $2.50. Total, $38.50.

To Castle Garden.—Manchester, Mrs. Rev. J. H. Stevens, $20.00; Mrs. Emily I. King, $1.00. Total, $21.00.

To Indian Fund.—Anamosa, $18.85. Total, $18.85.

To Training-school—Vernon Prairie, $4.00; Independence, $6.50. Total, $10.50.

To Mother's Jewels.—Iowa City, $0.80; Independence, $0.16. Total, $0.96.

To Alaska.—Independence, $2.00. Total, $2.00.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $194.66.
Grand total . . . . . $856.26.

Vermont Conference.

MRS. J. O. SHERBURN, Secretary. MRS. W. E. BARNEY, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—MONTPELIER DISTRICT.—Montpelier, $5.00; Cabot, $1.00; Plainfield, $7.00; Randolph, $1.00; Stowe, $1.00; Waterbury, $2.00; Worcester, $1.00; Northfield, $4.50; Northfield Camp, $11.25. Total, $33.75.

St. Albans District.—Bakersfield, $1.00; St. Albans, $15.15; Milton, $13.30. Total, $29.45.

St. Johnsbury District.—Albany, $1.00; E. Burke, $1.00; Glover, $1.00; Guildhall, $1.00; Holland, $1.00; Sheffield, $1.00; St. Johnsbury Auxiliary, $9.11; St. Johnsbury Centre, $2.40; Lyndonville Camp, $1.25. Total, $18.76.

Springfield District.—Bradford, $25.10; Barnard, $1.00; Perkinsville, $1.00; Wolcott, $0.50; Proctorsville, $1.00; Wilmington, $8.11; White River Junction, $13.20; Hartland, $7.00; Springfield, $4.00; Ascutneyville, $3.50; Brownsville, $4.00; Claremont Union, $4.00. Total, $72.41.

Other Sources.—Vermont Conference, $18.80. Through J. P. Magee, $25.00. Total, $43.80.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $198.17.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To E. L. Rust Home.*—Rutland, $7.00; Middlebury, $5.00; Shelburn, $5.00; Burlington, $6.00; A Friend, $2.00. Total, $25.00.

To Haven Home.—Northfield, $10.56. Total, $10.56.

Total to Beneficiary Fund . . . . . $35.56.

Special Funds.—*To Boylan Home.*—Vermont Conference, $10.00; Montpelier, $11.05; Williamstown, $10.00; Chelsea, $5.00; Brownsville, $5.00; Ascutneyville, $13.00; St. Albans, $10.00; Mrs. Willing, $10.00; Claremont Union Camp Auxiliary, $7.50; Hartland, $5.85; E. Burke, $1.00: Lunenburg, $10.00; Groton, $5.00; Randolph, $8.00; Westfield, $5.00; Enosburg Falls, $2.00; Richford, $10.00; Fairfax, $10.00; Franklin, $10.00; Weston, $4.25; Perkinsville, $0.10; South Royalton, $5.00. Total, $157.75.

To Mother's Jewels.—Montpelier Band, $0.30; St. Johnsbury, $0.20; Wilmington, $0.10; St. Albans, $33.00; St. Johnsbury Centre, $0.10; Newport, Pearl Gatherers, $10.00; Westfield, $0.25; Northfield Camp, $5.00; Proctorsville, $0.10. Total, $49.05.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $206.80.

Grand total . . . . . $440.53.

West Texas Conference.

Mrs. C. A. Richardson, Secretary. ——— ———, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Austin, Wesley Chapel, $8.80; Waco, St. James, $25.05. Total, $33.85.

Special Funds.—*To Mother's Jewels.*—$1.30. Total, $1.30.

Grand total. . . . . $35.15.

The money raised for General Fund was disbursed within the Conference.

West Wisconsin Conference.

Mrs. M. Benson, Secretary. Mrs. Phillip Cheek, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Eau Claire District.—Black River Falls, $34.25. Total, $34.25.

Hudson District.—Hudson, $16.00; Esdaile, $28.02; Juvenile Society, $7.95; Ono, $16.89. Total, $68.86.

La Crosse District.—Elroy, $1.60; North La Crosse, $5.00; Onalaska, $3.60; Viroqua, $4.75. Total, $14.95.

Madison District.—Excelsior, $1.00. Total, $1.00.

Portage District.—Baraboo, $45.00; South Baraboo, $13.30; Willing Workers, $6.20; Juvenile Society, $4.06; Poynette, $10.50. Total, $79.06.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $198.12.

Special Funds.—*Adeline Smith Home.*—Baraboo, $42.00. Total, $42.00.

To Indian Fund.—Baraboo, $20.00. Total, $20.00.

Total to Special Funds. . . . . $62.00.

Grand total. . . . . $260.12.

Wilmington Conference.

MRS. EMMA L. WELDIN, Secretary. MRS. C. J. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—WILMINGTON DISTRICT.—Wilmington, Asbury, $42.05; Grace, $53.00; Scott, $47.25; St. Paul, $81.04; West Salem, $16.50. Total, $239.84.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—Snow Hill, $13.00. Total, $13.00.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $252.84.

Special Funds.—*Peck Home in New Orleans.*—Wilmington, Grace, $202.19; Mrs. Pickles, donations, $14.50; Mrs. J. H. Jackson, $10.00; St. Paul, $3.67. Total, $230.36.

To Mother's Jewels.—Wilmington, Grace, $0.60. Total, $0.60.

Training-school.—Wilmington, St. Paul, $5.60. Total, $5.60.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $236.56.

Grand total . . . . . $489.40.

Wisconsin Conference.

MISS Z. T. SMITH, Secretary. ——— ———, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Appleton, $16.10; Milwaukee, M. Elmore, $5.00; Oshkosh, $3.00; Newark, $8.39. Total, $32.50.

Beneficiary Fund.—Waukesha, $7.00. Total, $7.00.

Grand total. . . . . $39.50.

Wyoming Conference.

MRS. E. S. TUPPER, Secretary. MRS. H. H. CRARY, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BINGHAMTON DISTRICT.—Binghamton: Centenary, $56.00; "Willing" Band, $1.25; High Street, $64.17; Sarah Hartwell Band, $3.30; Tabernacle, $54,25; Mary Winton Band, $11.94; Hop Bottom, $1.50; Auburn, $1,00; New Milford, $1.00. Total, $194.41.

CHENANGO DISTRICT.—Oxford, $7.77; Triangle, $1.00; Sherburne, $1.00. Total, $9.77.

HONESDALE DISTRICT,—Carbondale, $21.45; Hawley, $1.00; Lake Como, $6.00; Paupac, $1.00; Waymart, $2.00; Forest City, $1.00. Total, $32.45.

OTSEGO DISTRICT.—Schenevus, $13.05; Worcester, $5.00; Masonville, $2.00. Total, $20.05.

OWEGO DISTRICT.—Newark Valley, $16.75; Speedsville, $3.00; Flemingville, $1.00; West Danby, $1.00. Total, $21.75.

WYOMING DISTRICT.—West Pittston, $12.75; Wilkesbarre, $48.73; Young Ladies' Society, $13.80; Parish Street, $1.00; Scranton, $3.25; Juvenile Society, $3.25; Kingston, $1.00; Newton, $1.00; Underwood, $1.00; D. C. Sweet, $1.00. Total, $86.78.

Total to General Fund . . . . . $365.21.

Beneficiary Fund.—*To Adeline Smith Home*, Binghamton, $30.00; *To Gammon Home*, Wilkesbarre, $20.00. Total, $50.00.

Special Funds.—*To Gammon Home.*—Wilkesbarre, Franklin Street, $20.00. Total, $20.00.

To Castle Garden.—Binghamton, Tabernacle, $40.00. Total, $40.00.

To Savannah Fund.—Binghamton, $20.00; Carbondale Home Mission League, $5.00; Newark Valley, $50.00. Total, $75.00.

To Gammon Home Fund.—Binghamton, Tabernacle, $15.00; Newark Valley, 50c. Total, $15.50.

To Peck Home.—Wilkesbarre, Mrs. Bennett, $250.00; Young Ladies' Society, $50.00; Binghamton: Centenary, $80.00; Tabernacle, $1.00. Total, $381.50.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $531.50.

Grand total . . . . . 946.71.

OTHER SOURCES.

To General Fund.—CONFERENCES AND DONATIONS.—Virginia Conference, $4.50; East Montana, $9.00; Idaho, $5.50; Blue Ridge, $1.10; Nevada, $12.00; Hillsdale, $1.00; Mrs. Hathaney's Mite-box, 54c.; Mrs. Jovoss, 60c.; Mrs. Strind, $1.50; Mrs. Simpson, $2.00; Mrs. Stevens, $1.00; Basket Collection at Detroit, $46.95; Collection for Flag, $34.73; Central Missouri Conference (colored), $6.35; Missouri, $1.00; Lutesville, and Cape Girardeau, $2.75; Pulaski, N. Y., $1.64; West Lafayette, Ohio, $3.65; Mrs. C. H. Shedd, $30.00 (to work in Charleston); Tennessee Conference, $7.10; East Tennessee, $6.00; Alabama, 30c.; Georgia, 75c.; Lexington, $1.00; Versailles, $1.00; Watson Circuit, 50c.; Miss Alice House, $42.00 (money received for "Praise of the Nation" fund); East German Conference, $141.00; Cheyenne, $12.75. Total, $378.21.

Special Funds.—*To Atlanta.*—Freedmen's Aid Society, $500.00, *on purchase of property at Atlanta.* Total, $500.00.

To Hester Williams Home.—"Lend a Hand," $5.00; Madison Avenue, New York, $5.00. Total, $10.00.

To Boylan Home.—Mrs. C. H. Shedd, $25.00. Total, $25.00.

To Mother's Jewels.—Penfield, $0.10; A Friend, a Catholic, $0.10; West Haddam, $4.60. Total, $4.80.

Total to Special Funds . . . . . $539.80.
Grand total . . . . . 918.01.

SUMMARY.

Receipts of General Fund.

Balance from last year	$ 764.63
Arkansas Conference	10.00
Baltimore "	401.70
Central Illinois Conference	18.20
Central New York "	435.69
Central Ohio "	748.29
Central Pennsylvania "	176.58
Cincinnati "	1,584.62
Columbia River "	81.45
Colorado "	169.25
Detroit "	2,450.20
Des Moines "	67.40
East Ohio "	693.57
Erie "	878.21
Georgia "	6.30
Genesee "	259.24
Holston "	2.00
Idaho "	8.00
Indiana "	52.07
Illinois "	131.06
Iowa "	106.39
Kansas "	83.70
Louisiana "	122.00
Little Rock "	2.80
Maine "	90.00
Minnesota "	202.10
Michigan "	1,128.73
Mississippi "	28.70

Newark	Conference	$ 735.97
New England	"	1,954.13
New Hampshire	"	421.43
New Jersey	"	396.72
New York	"	766.19
New York East	"	347.85
North Ohio	"	616.70
North Indiana	"	63.69
North-west Indiana	"	118.47
Northern New York	"	202.55
North-west Iowa	"	195.92
Nebraska	"	53.37
North Nebraska	"	48.75
North-west Kansas	"	38.00
Ohio	"	929.49
Philadelphia	"	909.12
Pittsburg	"	590.67
Rock River	"	624.74
St. Louis	"	16.75
St. John's River	"	2.00
Southern Illinois	"	63.25
South Carolina	"	52.87
South-west Kansas	"	52.20
South-east Indiana	"	201.71
Southern California	"	1,108.81
Troy	"	1,257.55
Texas	"	123.95
Upper Iowa	"	661.60
Vermont	"	198.17
Wilmington	"	252.84
Wisconsin	"	32.50
West Wisconsin	"	198.12
Wyoming	"	365.21
West Texas	"	33.85
Other Sources		378.21
Interest on Bequest		69.95
		$24,786.18
Deficit borrowed from Special Fund		1,419.65
		$26,205.83

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to	Missionaries in the South	$ 6,349.97
"	" " Utah	5,508.08
"	Missionary at Castle Garden, N. Y.	555.00
"	Missionaries in Indian Territory	944.90
"	" " New Mexico	225.00
"	Frontier Work in Michigan, through Michigan Conference	924.93
"	Frontier Work in Michigan, through Detroit Conference	2,450.20
"	Southern California Conference, through Southern California Conference	1,108.81
"	Frontier Work in Texas, through Texas Conference	123.95
"	Frontier Work in Texas, through West Texas Conference	33.85
"	Frontier Work in Minnesota Conference, through Minnesota Conference	101.10
"	Pennsylvania Coke Regions, through Pittsburgh Conference	447.00
"	Charleston Mission Work, through Churches in Charleston, South Carolina Conference	52.87

Paid to "Speedwell," Haven Mission		$ 100.00
" Purchase of Lot in Little Rock, Arkansas		1,000.00
" Purchase of Lot in New Orleans, La		250.00
" Mission Work in Cheyenne		12.75
" Fund for new building at Atlanta		624.74
Paid to Homes, Repairs, Furnishing, and Incidentals:		
" Atlanta, Gammon Home		13.90
" Boylan Home		127.53
" E. L. Rust Home		415.71
" Adeline Smith Home		118.55
" Kent Home		323.18
" Haven Home, Addition to Building		250.00
" " " Furnishing and Incidentals		399.46
" Simpson Home		334.96
" Pawnee Agency		21.00
" Insurance and Taxes		36.67
" Printing.—Annual Reports, Blanks, Leaflets, Tablets, Etc.		1,287.89
" Conference Secretaries and Helpers, in Work of Organizing		839.41
" Postage, Stationery, Telegraphing, and Shipping of Boxes		804.34
" Clerical Work		247.66
" Small Bills as shown by Vouchers		55.18
" Mite-Boxes		92.24
" Paper, *Woman's Home Missions.* (*Mother's Jewels Fund,*)		25.00
		$26,205.83

Receipts for Beneficiary Fund.

Central New York Conference		$ 12.00
Central Ohio	"	133.04
Cincinnati	"	396.95
Colorado	"	45.00
Detroit	"	20.00
East Ohio	"	134.75
Erie	"	275.86
Genesee	"	123.67
Indiana	"	70.00
Illinois	"	38.50
Iowa	"	7.40
Newark	"	140.73
New England	"	370.09
New Hampshire	"	44.25
New Jersey	"	80.00
New York	"	170.48
New York East	"	50.00
North Ohio	"	60.00
North Indiana	"	33.57
Ohio	"	169.50
Philadelphia	"	30.00
Rock River	"	270.00
South-east Indiana	"	50.00
Troy	"	108.83
Vermont	"	35.56
Wisconsin	"	7.00
Wyoming	"	50.00
		$2,927.18
Deficit borrowed from Special Fund		470.80
		$3,397.98

EXPENDITURES.

SCHOLARSHIPS.—To Students in Haven Home		$ 1,610.00
" " Boylan "		252.50
" " Kent "		235.00
" " E. L. Rust Home		206.20
" " Adeline Smith Home		195.00
" " Matthew Simpson Home		245.63
" " Gammon Home		340.00
" " Delaware from Utah		150.00
" " Training-school, Chicago		95.90
" " Bennett Seminary		50.00
Deficit borrowed last year		17.75
		$3,397.98

Special Fund.

To be used in the Extension of the Work as requested by Donors.

Balance from last year	$ 3,654.66
Baltimore Conference	120.00
Central New York Conference	646.44
Central Ohio "	429.96
Cincinnati "	363.50
Columbia River "	8.75
Colorado "	188.75
Detroit "	360.00
East Ohio "	171.78
Erie "	300.13
Florida "	138.69
Genesee "	367.93
Georgia "	35.30
Illinois "	18.75
Louisiana "	25.00
Maine "	58.46
Michigan "	4.20
Minnesota "	0.50
Newark "	1,116.92
New England "	1,385.82
New England Southern "	844.19
New Hampshire "	261.16
New Jersey "	300.00
New York "	295.30
New York East "	110.00
North Ohio "	572.06
North Indiana "	19.10
North-west Indiana "	57.66
Northern New York "	49.38
North-west Iowa "	0.50
Nebraska "	28.20
Ohio "	359.34
Oregon "	22.65
Philadelphia "	1,396.48
Pittsburg "	172.50
Puget Sound "	22.00
Rock River "	5,311.87
South Carolina "	50.00
South Kansas "	45.38
South-west Kansas "	11.20

South-east Indiana Conference		$ 15.90
Troy	"	1,277.02
Upper Iowa	"	194.66
Vermont	"	206.80
Wilmington	"	236.56
West Wisconsin	"	62.00
West Texas	"	1.30
Wyoming	"	531.50
Other Sources		539.80
		$22,390.05

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to Boylan Home, Addition to Building	$ 1,338.30
" Little Rock, on Lot, and Building Cistern	4,125.00
Paid on Lot for Hester Williams Home	60.00
Paid to Gammon Home, Atlanta	3,277.58
" Scandinavian Work in Utah	2,004.45
" Training-school in Chicago	751.33
" Alaska	47.00
" Indian Territory, "Tulsa" through Colorado Conference	87.68
" Expenses incurred in securing Congressional Appropriations.	300.00
" College in Albuquerque, N. M., for Furnishing Room, by Colorado Conference	77.00
" Bohemian Work in Chicago	203.67
" El Paso, Texas, for Organ, by Colorado Conference	76.13
" New England Southern Conference, to Build Home in Camden	2,245.17
	$ 14,593.31
Balance to next year	7,796.74
	$ 22,390.05

General Cash Account.

November 1, 1887.

BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR—		
In General Fund	$ 764 63	
In Special Extension Fund	3,654 66	
		$ 4,419 29
RECEIVED DURING THIS YEAR—		
General Fund	$24,021 55	
" Deficit	*1,419 65	
Beneficiary Fund	2,927 18	
" Deficit	*470 80	
Special Extension Fund	18,735 39	
		$47,574 57
		$51,993 86
PAID DURING THE YEAR—		
General Fund	$26,205 83	
Beneficiary Fund	3,397 98	
Special Extension Fund	14,593 31	
		$44,197 12
BALANCE TO NEXT YEAR—		
Special Extension Fund	$ 7,796 74	
		$ 7,796 74
		$51,993 86

*This amount has been borrowed from Special Fund.

LOCAL WORK.

Moneys received and disbursed in the Conferences named: vouchers for the following sums have been received:

Cincinnati Conference,	St. Paul	$200 00
" "	Trinity Mission Band	42 00
Philadelphia "	No special credits given	140 00
East Ohio "	Akron, First Church	169 00
South-east Indiana Conference		89 98
		$640 98

Several hundred dollars have been reported, but without vouchers, therefore they are not included in this Report.

SUPPLIES, estimated value $32,600 74

I have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct.

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" M. Werner,
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" Calvin Whitney,
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ADDITIONAL LIFE MEMBERS.

The following names were received too late to be inserted in their regular order:

Mr. George Barlow,
Mrs. H. A. Buchtel,
" H. B. Chamberlain,
" — Freeman,

Mrs. Page S. Griffin,
Miss Jennie C. Harvey,
Mrs. Robert Johnson,
Miss Kate Lee,

Miss Lillie Schellenger,
Mr. James L. Shields,
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Woman's Home Missionary Society

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1884.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

THIS organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II.—Objects.

The aim of this Society shall be to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute women and children of all sections of our country, without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church in educational and missionary work.

ARTICLE III.—Organization.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve Resident Managers, who, together, shall constitute the General Executive Board, and reside in, or not remote from, the city of Cincinnati.

SEC. 2. The annual meetings of the Board of Managers shall be held in the city of Cincinnati, unless otherwise provided, and shall consist of the General Executive Board, together with the Corresponding Secretary and one delegate from each Conference.

SEC. 3. The work of the Annual Session shall be:

(1.) To elect the General Executive Board for the ensuing year.

(2.) To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the Society, designating fields of labor, examining the reports of missionaries already employed, and selecting beneficiaries; to estimate the needs of the mission fields, determine the amounts to be raised, and to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; to appropriate its receipts in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated; to arrange with the several Conference Secretaries the work to be undertaken by each Conference, and, until such time as the conference organizations are complete, to appoint a suitable person to fill the place of Corresponding Secretary of the conference work in the several Conferences.

(3.) To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand; provided all its plans and directions shall be in harmony with this Constitution.

SEC. 4. In the event of a vacancy in the General Executive Board occurring *ad interim* the place shall be filled by the Executive Board.

SEC. 5. The General Executive Board shall meet quarterly, or oftener, at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, and seven shall constitute a quorum to do business.

SEC. 6. The duties of the General Executive Board shall be:

(1.) To execute all orders of the Board of Managers.

(2.) To determine all matters referred to them by the Board.

(3.) To administer all the affairs of the Society between the annual sessions of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 7. The duties of the President, Vice-presidents, and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

SEC. 8. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to make herself acquainted with the needs and opportunities of the mission-field, to correspond with missionaries and with the Conference Secretaries, and to furnish the Conference Boards with all needful information; also to secure from them the details of their work, which will be necessary to make quarterly reports to the Executive Board and annual reports to the Board of Managers concerning the condition and needs of the mission-field, and publish the same for the information of the membership.

SEC. 9. The Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, report the state of the funds at the Annual Meeting and at each regular meeting of the Executive Board, pay only such bills as it shall direct, each order being signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and she shall make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Executive Board may approve. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by a competent person selected for the purpose.

ARTICLE IV.—Conference Organization.

SECTION 1. A Conference Society shall consist of all the Auxiliary Societies in a given Conference, together with a Conference Executive Board. It shall take the name of the Conference in which it is located.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Conference Society shall be a President, one Vice-president, and one or more Managers from each presiding elder's district, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer (the Corresponding Secretary may also be the Treasurer). These officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the Conference Society for the administration of the affairs of the Society, and five shall constitute a quorum. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, and hold office till others are chosen.

SEC. 3. The duties of the Executive Board shall be:

To co-operate in plans for the permanent establishment of the Society within the Conference bounds; to provide for an Annual Meeting and arrange anniversary exercises; and to transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided its action is in harmony with this Constitution.

SEC. 4. (1.) The duties of the President and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually appertain to their respective offices, and to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary, Vice-presidents, Managers, and Treasurer in organizing and conducting the work.

(2.) The duties of the Vice-presidents and Managers shall be to organize Auxiliaries in their respective districts, and by all proper means to awaken missionary interest and zeal.

(3.) The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to attend the session of the Annual Conference; to endeavor to interest ministers and ladies in the work of the Society; to organize Auxiliary Societies in the various charges in the Conference, and, as soon as practicable, to effect a Conference organization in harmony with the Constitution; to conduct the correspondence of the Society with the General Executive Board, with Auxiliary Societies within the Conference, with such missionaries in the field and beneficiaries in the schools as are supported by the Conference; to forward quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board a full statement of the work of the Conference Society, and to present an annual report to the Board of Managers at the Annual Meeting.

(4.) The duty of the Treasurer, who may also be Corresponding Secretary, shall be to receive and forward all funds of the Society monthly, keeping a book account, and to make a quarterly report of the same to the Treasurer of the General Executive Board.

SEC. 5.—**Special Work.**—Individuals, Auxiliaries, or Conference Societies may, subject to the approval of the Conference Board and of the General Executive Board, select special fields of labor, and provide for the support of missionaries therein employed, and they may also educate beneficiaries selected by themselves.

ARTICLE V.—Auxiliary Societies.

SECTION 1. Ten or more women who shall organize under the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries, and pay their annual dues, thereby become a Society auxiliary to the Conference Society, and are entitled to one delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Conference Board. And the pastor shall report the collections of this Society at the Annual Conference.

SEC. 2. Auxiliary Societies, or local Committees, when there is no Conference Society yet established, shall report to the Conference Secretary appointed by the General Executive Board. When there is no Secretary in the Conference within the territorial bounds of which they are, they shall report to the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI.—Membership.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE VII.—Relations to Other Branches of Church Work.

SECTION 1. This Society will engage exclusively in missionary labor in our own land, and it will work in harmony with the connectional societies of the Church.

a. The appointment, employment, and remuneration of its missionaries shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

b. The fields of labor and the general plans and designs of work of this Society shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

c. All the missionaries supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society, and if in a mission, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular mission.

SEC. 2. The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collections, nor by subscriptions taken during any regular Church service, nor in Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, by collections taken in audiences convened in the interests of the Society, and by other methods (such as fairs, festivals, lectures, etc.) which will not interfere with the collections and contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amounts so collected shall be reported to the Annual Conference through the preachers in charge, in order that they may be entered among the benevolent collections and published in the Annual and General Minutes.

SEC. 3. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church may act as the Trustee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in all matters of legacies, and in holding for it real estate or other trusts, as the Woman's Home Missionary Society may desire.

SEC. 4. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's

Home Missionary Society, which determines its work for the year, shall be so arranged that its plans may be submitted to the authorities of the Missionary Society for approval, at their Annual Meeting in November.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be changed by the General Conference. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at any Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers by a two-thirds vote of the members present, a three-months' notice of the proposed change having been sent to each Conference organization, and published in the Church papers.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.

ANNUAL MEETING.

1. The Chairman and the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries of the General Executive Board shall fix the time and place of the Annual Meeting, unless this has been done at a previous Annual Meeting.

2. A committee of five, appointed by the Executive Board, shall prepare a program of exercises and an order of business for the Annual Meeting. They shall see that the time and place of meeting are announced in all the Church papers.

3. The Committee on Nomination of Officers for the Society shall consist of one member from each Conference delegation, to be appointed by the respective delegations, and five members of the General Executive Board. The officers shall be elected by ballot.

4. The Committee on Finance and Mission Fields shall consist of the President of the Society, the Chairman of the General Executive Board, the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of Bureaus, together with the Conference Secretaries present at any Annual Meeting, and five other persons chosen by the Annual Meeting.

II.

BUREAUS.

1. Our mission-fields and departments of work shall be placed in charge of Bureaus, each consisting of a Secretary and Assistants.

2. Each Bureau shall have the entire responsibility, in its own field, of executing all the plans and applying all the funds as ordered by the General Board of Managers, and supervised by the General Executive Board.

3. Each mission shall be placed under the special supervision of a committee of ladies nominated by the Conference Society or Societies most immediately interested* in the mission, and elected by the General Executive Board. These Committees shall report quarterly or oftener to the Secretary of the Bureau, giving a detailed statement of the condition and needs of the work in their charge.

4. Each Bureau, except Supplies and Local Missionary Work, shall consist of its Secretary and the Committees in charge of the work within its territory.

5. The duty of the Secretary of the Bureau shall be to co-operate with these committees in the management of the work, secure conformity to the rules approved by the General Board of Managers for mission work.

*The Conference or Conferences assuming the financial responsibility.

and give a detailed report quarterly or oftener to the General Executive Board.

6. The Bureaus shall be (1) East Southern States; (2) Middle Southern States; (3) West Southern States; (4) Texas; (5) New Mexico and Arizona; (6) Mormons; (7) Indians; (8) Alaska; (9) Mission Supplies; (10) Local Missionary Work; (11) Young People's Work.

7. The Bureau for the East Southern States shall consist of its Secretary, and two or more ladies for each of these States, Georgia and Florida.

8. The Bureau for the Middle Southern States shall consist of its Secretary and two or more ladies for each of the following States: North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

9. The Bureau for the West Southern States shall consist of its Secretary and two or more ladies for each of the following States: Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

10. The Bureau for Texas shall consist of its Secretary and three or more ladies.

11. As fast as work develops in other Southern States they shall be placed in appropriate Bureaus.

12. The Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona, the Mormons, the Indians, and Alaska shall each consist of its Secretary and three or more ladies.

13. The Bureau for Mission Supplies shall consist of its Secretary, and three ladies at head-quarters, and the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

14. The Bureau for Local Missionary Work shall consist of a Secretary and such assistants as she shall from time to time deem necessary.

15. The work of this Bureau shall comprise the supervision of mission work in our large cities and towns, as inaugurated or carried forward by our auxiliaries in harmony with the local Church authorities, pastors, and official Boards; the support of Industrial Schools for instruction in religion, morals, temperance, and the elementary industries; and the employment of Bible-readers for general missionary work among neglected women and children.

16. Local Missionary work for which credit for money expended is given, shall be entered upon only with the approval of the General Executive Board, after a formal application for permission to undertake such work through the Secretary of the Bureau of Local Missionary Work.

17. All persons employed as missionaries in these fields shall be subject to all the rules relating to testimonials as to fitness, and to furnishing reports of work, that are applicable to missionaries in our other fields.

18. The funds used for the support of this city work shall be raised for that special purpose, and by such methods as shall not diminish the amount that would otherwise be contributed to the general treasury.

19. Churches and individuals furnishing supplies to meet the needs of organized Local Missionary Work, may be credited for the same through the authorized channels in the Bureau of Supplies.

20. It shall be the duty of the Bureau of Young People's Work, to awaken and sustain interest in Young Ladies' and in Juvenile Societies.

21. All Secretaries of Bureaus shall be nominated by the General Executive Board, and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

22. The Secretaries of the Bureaus of Supplies, of Local Missionary Work, and of Young People's Work, may nominate the members of their Bureaus, who shall be elected by the General Executive Board.

III.

FINANCE.

1. The fiscal year of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall end the 15th of October.

2. **Auxiliary Societies.**—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer

shall send their quarterly reports, as specified in By-laws for Auxiliaries, 4 and 5, December 15th, March 15th, June 15th, and September 15th.

3. **Conference Societies.**—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports as prescribed in the Constitution, Article IV, Sections 3 and 4, January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th.

4. **General Executive Board.**—The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish the reports specified in the Constitution, Article III, Section 8, as soon as possible after the 15th of January, April, July, and October.

5. All moneys raised for the Society must be sent by the auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and thence forwarded to the General Treasurer. Moneys to be expended for missionary supplies for frontier or Southern work, must, in all cases, be raised as a special fund for such work.

6. Moneys shall not be collected by the employes of the Society for any special purpose, unless such collection is authorized by the Board, and the purpose approved; and moneys so collected shall be paid into the General Treasury, and be regularly appropriated therefrom.

7. All missionaries, superintendents of Industrial Schools, and teachers in the employ of the Society shall present to the Board through the Secretaries of their respective Bureaus (not later than September 10th of each year) carefully prepared estimates for their work for the coming year.

8. Each Conference Corresponding Secretary is requested to come to the meeting of the General Board of Managers prepared to say what work her Conference will support for the coming year.

9. With a view to protect this Society against any embarrassments that might possibly grow out of unauthorized engagements or pledges in respect to the funds or the operations of the Society, it is hereby ordered:

(1.) That no officer of the Society, no Auxiliary or Conference Society shall contract for the purchase of property, or undertake any special work (other than local work within its own territory) without the approval of the General Executive Board of this Society, expressed in writing and duly certified by the signatures of the Chairman and the Recording Secretary of said Board.

(2.) That if the special work proposed to be undertaken shall be the erection of a building or buildings, whether for religious, benevolent, or educational purposes, the erection of the same shall not be begun nor contracted for until the money that will be required for the completion thereof shall have been paid into the General Treasury of this Society or fully provided for, nor until the erection of the said building or buildings, and all the plans and contracts relating to the same, shall have been approved by the General Executive Board of this Society in the manner specified in the foregoing paragraph.

IV.

BUILDINGS AND CARE OF HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

1. The erection of all buildings for Home and school work shall be under the care of a special committee appointed by the Bureau having charge of the work. This committee shall determine the site, select the plan, let the contract, supervise the erection, and accept the work, subject to the approval of the General Executive Board through the Secretary of the Bureau.

2. The furnishing of Industrial Homes and schools shall be plain, simple, and economical, and as carefully adapted to circumstances as possible. The purchases shall be made under the direction of the Bureau in charge, and the property shall belong to the Society. It shall be carefully marked, and at the end of each year an inventory of property, and a statement of its condition, shall be furnished to the Board by the Superintendent of the Home.

3. Each Industrial Home shall be under the care of a Superintendent, who, together with the teachers of the school, shall be elected, employed, and paid by the General Executive Board.

4. All the employes of the Board shall make, directly, or through their superintendents, as they shall be instructed, monthly reports of their work, as per blank provided, sending one copy to the Corresponding Secretary and another to the Secretary of the Bureau in charge of the field.

5. Since the conversion and spiritual growth of those for whom we labor is the object of all effort, our instructors are required to work diligently and methodically to that end, through family worship, school instruction, personal appeal, and social means of grace, endeavoring at all times to develop sound and strong character.

6. Pupils of all ages may be admitted to our Industrial Schools. It shall be the aim in these schools to provide: (1.) Such social and moral training as shall tend to make good neighbors and good citizens; (2.) When necessary, the rudiments of education—reading, writing, and keeping simple accounts; (3.) Such domestic instruction as shall fit girls to care for a house, and prepare plain meals properly and economically; (4.) Instruction in dress-making and cutting, making and mending the plain garments of ordinary wearing apparel; (5.) Tuition in nursing—the care of the sick; (6.) Kindergarten and kitchen-garden training; (7.) Instruction in the cultivation of vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

7. It shall be our aim to provide a library for each Industrial Home and school, to which pupils may have daily access.

V.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

1. There shall be a committee of three appointed by the General Executive Board to publish letters from missionaries, circulars relating to the various Bureaus, and kindred matter that will help auxiliaries sustain their interest in our work; and to send such information out upon application, for use in Conference, District, and Auxiliary meetings.

2. The Recording Secretary shall give to the public, through the Church papers, a condensed report of such proceedings of each meeting of the General Executive Board as will be of interest to our workers or to the general public.

VI.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the Society must furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1.) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church; (2.) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3.) Good health; (4.) Educational fitness; (5.) Ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6.) Aptness to teach.

They shall give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a Home Missionary?

2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ, our Lord?

3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church as set forth in Part I, Chapter I, of the Discipline?

4. When and where were you born?

5. What are your domestic relations?

6. Have you a thorough English education?

7. In what schools have you taught, and with what success?

8. Have you knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?

9. The testimonials of a missionary candidate shall be considered and passed by her Conference Board before they are brought to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

10. A missionary shall receive her traveling expenses from her home to her field of labor; also, her return expenses when she is recalled by the General Executive Board, and her salary from the time of arrival in her field. This salary shall be paid monthly, at the rate of $40 per month. She shall also be allowed an amount not exceeding five dollars for postage.

VII.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Young persons over sixteen years of age may be organized into Mission Circles under the general rules governing Ladies' Auxiliaries, with a membership fee of not less than fifty cents per annum. They may be under the supervision and direction of some adult lady, and are recommended to choose some special name.

2. Young persons under sixteen may be organized into Juvenile Bands under the Constitution already provided.

3. Children under six years of age may be enrolled as Mother's Jewels on the payment of ten cents.

VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be amended or suspended at the Annual Meeting of the Society, due notice of the changes proposed having been published in the *Woman's Home Missions.*

BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

[NOTE.—Under the laws of incorporation of the State of Ohio, a majority of the members of the body incorporated constitutes a quorum. Therefore eleven is the legal quorum of the Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.]

1. The meetings of the Executive Board shall be held the last Saturday of each month. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary, due notice being given.

2. A quarterly meeting shall be held the last Saturday in January, April, and September, at such places as the Board shall designate. Written reports shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of the Bureaus, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

3. The Recording Secretary shall notify each member of the time and place of all meetings, regular and special.

4. The Executive Board shall organize by the election of a Chairman and the requisite Standing Committees at its first meeting next succeeding the Annual Meeting.

5. The Executive Board shall appoint a Business Committee of seven, to consist of the Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and four other members of the Board, with power to transact business for the Board in the intervals of the monthly meetings. This committee shall report all its action at the regular meeting next succeeding such action.

6. Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies, in attendance upon any meeting of the Executive Board, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote.

7. The Order of Business and Rules of Debate shall be as follows: (1.) Singing, reading of Scriptures, prayer; (2.) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (3.) Reports of Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretaries of the Bureaus, Standing Committees; (4.) Reports of Special Committees; (5.) Unfinished business; (6.) Resolutions for discussion shall be presented in writing; (7.) Ladies speaking shall rise and address the chair.

8. There shall be the following Standing Committees: (1.) Business; (2.) Beneficiaries; (3.) Missionary Candidates; (4.) Annual Meeting; (5.) Publication; (6.) Leaflets; (7.) "Woman's Home Missions;" (8.) Missionary Intelligence; (9.) Training-school; (10.) Transportation; (11.) Mite-boxes.

9. These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the General Executive Board, notice of the desired change having been given at the preceding meeting. They may be suspended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Societies shall call meetings of the Executive Board when the exigencies of the work demand it, and shall also determine the date and place of the Annual Meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises, unless these items have been provided for by previous action at the Annual Meeting.

2. The program for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society shall include reports from the Recording and the Corresponding Secretaries, the Treasurer, and the District Secretaries; the election of officers, of standing committees, and of a delegate and alternate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

3. Order of Business: (1.) Devotional exercises; (2.) Introduction of delegates; (3.) Appointment of committees; (4.) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (5.) Report of Treasurer; (6.) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (7.) Report of District officers; (8.) Reports of committees; (9.) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (10.) Election of officers.

4. Each District Secretary shall present a list of the full names of her delegation to the Recording Secretary.

5. The Standing Committees shall be appointed as follows: (1.) Annual Meeting; (2.) By-laws; (3.) Woman's Home Missions.

6. The Committee on Anniversary shall consist of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Secretary of the District in which the meeting is to be held.

7. The Committee on Nominations shall consist of one lady from each District, chosen by the delegates from her District. Vacancies occurring in the Conference Board *ad interim* may be filled by the Executive Board of the Conference.

8. Every Auxiliary Society in the Conference shall be entitled to a delegate; these delegates, with the Executive Board, shall constitute the Annual Meeting.

9. The duty of each District President shall be to have general supervision of the work in her District. She shall confer and co-operate with the Secretary in organizing and visiting the work; preside at the District meetings, and endeavor to secure the favor and aid of the presiding elder and pastors. She shall report her work to the Secretary of the District.

10. The duty of the District Secretary shall be to confer and co-operate with the President in the organization of Auxiliaries, Young Ladies' Circles, and Juvenile Bands; to correspond with and visit them, to arrange for

public meetings, to send out blank reports, receive them when filled, and forward a report by the 1st of January, April, July, and October to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

11. There shall be a Mite-box Secretary, a Secretary of Local Missionary Work, and a Secretary (or a Committee) of Young People's Work, each to report as directed by the Conference Executive Board.

12. The Executive Board shall meet in ——— on the —— of each month, if practicable.

13. No membership dues or moneys obtained for missionary purposes may be used for local needs.

14. Auxiliaries shall have credit in the General Reports only for moneys sent to the General Treasurer.

15. There shall be a contingent fund for local expenses, to which each Auxiliary shall contribute to the amount of at least five cents a member for each year, one-half to be used in Conference expenses and the other half in those of the District and Auxiliary.

16. As soon as practicable each District shall be organized into an Association under the Constitution adopted by the General Executive Board.

17. The District Association or the President and Secretary of each District shall be a Committee to arrange for a presentation of our work at camp-meetings held on the District. In case of their failure to do so, that duty shall devolve upon the Conference Executive Board.

18. Any Conference that has held one or more Annual Meetings, and has its duly elected Conference and District officers, may determine its own methods of organizing auxiliaries, and the amount of remuneration of its organizers, provided that all its plans shall be in harmony with the Constitution.

19. Organizers may draw upon the General Treasury for their traveling expenses, and one dollar for each day of actual service, when the Conference Contingent Fund is insufficient to meet the expense.

20. Their accounts shall be audited each month by the General Executive Board, except when the Conference Contingent Fund pays the expense. In that case the Conference Society shall audit those bills.

21. Organizers shall be recommended by their Conference Boards to the General Executive Board for appointment.

22. The Conference Societies shall be held responsible for the direction and control of their respective organizers.

23. The Conference Treasurer shall close her account with the auxiliaries the —— of ——, after which all the moneys received shall be placed in the next year's account.

24. These By-laws may be suspended by a majority vote of the Conference Executive Board at any regular meeting, and amended by a two-thirds vote of an Annual Meeting, notice of the desired amendment having been given a month previous, and the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the ——— District Association of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

ART. 2. It shall be the object of this Association to secure an Auxiliary in each charge on the District if possible, and to sustain interest in those already organized.

ART. 3. Every person who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the ——— District shall be a member of the Association.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President (a Vice-president of the Conference Society), a Vice-president from every Auxiliary on the District, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary (a Manager in the Conference Society), and a Treasurer. They shall be elected by ballot upon nomination by a Committee.

ART. 5. The duties shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers, with the addition to those of the Corresponding Secretary, that she shall secure a report from each Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary on the 15th of December, of March, of June, and of September, and send a report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary by the 1st of January, April, July, and October. The Treasurer shall hold only the contingent fund of the District, which she shall disburse upon the order of the President and Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 6. There shall be an annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be of interest to the Association, and such other meetings as may be found practicable.

ART. 7. The Standing Committees shall be upon Mite-boxes, *Woman's Home Missions*, and Program.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be amended only by the General Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of ———, Auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of two cents per week, or one dollar per year, may become a member of this Society, and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three or more Vice-presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held ——— of each month. The Anniversary Meeting shall be on the ——— day of ———, when the Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the accompanying By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present—notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. IT shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-president to perform the duty of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to send reports quarterly of the condition and work of the Auxiliary to the District Secretary when the District Association is organized; otherwise to the Conference Secretary, and in the absence of such an officer to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society in Cincinnati.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and to send the same quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, and in the absence of such an officer, to the Treasurer of the General Society in Cincinnati.

6. ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR MONTHLY MEETING:

(1.) Devotional Exercises.
(2.) Reading and approval of Minutes
(3.) Reports from members of work done.
(4.) Report of Treasurer, in writing.
(5.) Report of Corresponding Secretary.
(6.) Unfinished business.
(7.) Miscellaneous business.
(8.) Adjournment.

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal in the special work of this Society.

8. There shall be a Standing Committee of three to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for the monthly and quarterly meetings.

9. Each lady connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, schools, orphans, and missionaries.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Home Mission Circle of ——— Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to interest the young people of the Church in Missionary work among the ignorant and degraded in our own country.

ART. 3. Any young person over sixteen years of age, paying one cent a week, or fifty cents a year, may become a member of this Circle, and any person paying two cents a week, or one dollar a year, may become an Honorary member of the Circle.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three or more Vice-presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who, together with an adult Lady Manager chosen by the Circle, shall constitute an Executive Committee to plan the work of the Society.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Circle shall be held ——— of each month. The Annual Meeting shall be on ——— day of ———, when Annual reports shall be read and officers elected for the coming year.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the By-laws accompanying, can only be changed or amended at a regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such intention having been given one month previous.

BY-LAWS FOR CIRCLES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Circle, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice-president shall take the place of the President in her absence, and seek to assist her in every way.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the Circle, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the correspondence of the Circle, solicit subscriptions to our paper, and send reports once a quarter to the Conference Secretary of the work of the Circle.

5. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, keep a book account, and send funds once a quarter to the Conference Treasurer.

6. The Circle may choose the specific Missionary work to which its funds shall be applied, under the advice and direction of the Executive Board of the Conference Society.

7. There shall be two standing Committees, Literary and Musical; the one to furnish a Missionary program, and the other to provide music for the meetings.

8. Mission Circles may give literary and musical entertainments in public, at which full reports of the work of the Circle may be made, that the sympathy and interest of the Church may be awakened and kept alive.

9. Each member of the Circle shall try to induce others to join, and shall do all in her power to make the meetings contribute to both mental and spiritual growth.

10. Suggestive Order of Exercises for Monthly meeting: (1.) Devotional Exercises. (2.) Reading of Minutes. (3.) Report of Treasurer. (4.) Report of Corresponding Secretary. (5.) Discussion of plans of work. (6.) Program. (7.) Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the ——— Mission Band of ——— Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society is to interest the children and youth of the Church in missionary work in our own land, and to secure their help in carrying it forward.

ART. 3. This Society, by virtue of its voluntary obligations to render material help in various departments of the work, shall be recognized as a lawful adjunct to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall make reports thereto.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be an adult lady Director, whose duty shall be to take charge of and direct the Society, a President, four or more Vice-presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such offices.

ART. 5.—SEC. 1. Any child or young person, with consent of parents or guardian, may become a member of this Society by paying yearly twenty-five cents as membership fee.

SEC. 2. This Society may hold entertainments or use any methods for securing funds that are in harmony with Christian usages and the rules of our Church.

SEC. 3. This Society may choose either to support a beneficiary, furnish Sunday-schools supplies, or to assist in any department it may desire; but

the location of the work chosen must be decided by the Executive Board of the Conference Society or of the General Society.

SEC. 4. This Society can only have connection with the Woman's Home Missionary Society by contributing directly to its work in the field, and may only have credit in the reports of the General Society for money paid into the General Treasury.

SEC. 5. The Annual Meeting of this Society for the election of officers shall be held on ———.

SEC. 6. This Constitution can only be altered or amended by the Executive Board of the General Society which framed it. Petitions for change may be made in writing, stating reasons for such request, and bearing the signature of all the officers of the Society.

BY-LAWS FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

1. THE meetings of this Society shall be held on ——— of every ———.

2. A Committee on Music, consisting of three or five members (at least one adult), shall be appointed for one month or more, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable music for the meetings.

3. The Society shall be divided into bands of ten (more or less, as seems advisable), according to ages, each of which shall be supervised by one of the Vice-presidents, who shall keep a record of names, ages, conduct, money paid, and report the same at each meeting.

4. The Vice-presidents shall each in turn be responsible for the entertainment of the meeting, by securing speeches, dialogues, quartets, etc., from their bands, and by obtaining the aid of adults as needed. And, together with the Director and the Committee on Music, they shall prepare a program before each meeting for the use of the President.

5. ORDER OF EXERCISE FOR REGULAR MEETING:

(1.) Devotional Exercises.	(5.) Report of Bands.
(2.) Reading and approval of Minutes.	(6.) Unfinished and Miscellaneous Business.
(3.) Report of Treasurer.	
(4.) Report of Corresponding Secretary.	(7.) Program.
	(8.) Adjournment.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

BEQUEST—(***Personal Estate***)—*I give and bequeath to the* ***Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,*** *a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of..... and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.*

DEVISE—(***Real Estate***)—*I give and devise to the* ***Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,*** *a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say:..... ....., to have and to hold or dispose of the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors, and assigns forever.*

NOTE.—Notice should be given promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society of all Bequests and Devises.

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ADDENDA.

Several changes in names of Conference Corresponding Secretaries were not received in time for insertion on page 3 of this Report. They are as follows:

CONFERENCES.

Illinois.....Mrs. S. B. Potter, North McLain Street, Bloomington, Ill.
Michigan.....Mrs. S. S. Burns, Fallassburgh, Mich.
Minnesota.....Mrs. S. B. Warner, Hamline, Minn.
North Nebraska.....Mrs. T. B. Hilton, Fremont, Neb.
North-west Kansas.....Mrs. Mary E. Griffeth, 933 Santa Fe Avenue, Salina, Kan.
St. Louis.....Mrs. Wm. Jones, 1624 Summit Street, Kansas City, Mo.
Texas.....Mrs. Isabella Howells, Harrisburgh, Texas.

Mrs. Bishop Fowler, 425 Buchanan St., San Francisco, Cal., accepts a position on the Bureau for Alaska; and her name has been added to the Committee previously appointed, as found on page 5 of this Report.

Correction.—When the report on Local Missionary Work came up for final action at the Annual Meeting, and was considered item by item, the *5th recommendation* as found on page 62 of this Report *was not adopted.* It should therefore have been stricken out of the report altogether.

Notices.—The next Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will be held at Boston, Mass., in October, 1888.

The fiscal year of this Society closes on the 15th day of October, and remittances which are to be acknowledged among the receipts of the year must reach the Treasurer on or before that day.

Treasurers of Conference Societies are urged to forward the funds which come into their hands to the General Treasurer by the date indicated above; and also to send information concerning the decease of Life Members, that the proper correction may be made in the Annual Report.

Treasurers of Auxiliary Societies are earnestly requested to send promptly all moneys to the Treasurers of the Conference Societies by the 15th day of September, as specified in the By-laws for Auxiliaries.

Secretaries of Bureaus and of Conference Societies and Chairman of the Standing Committees are urgently desired to make their reports for the Annual Meeting concise, and *brief;* and to write them with ink on only one side of the paper so that they will not have to be re-copied for the Annual Report.

The Praise of the Nation, a charming allegory, has been prepared for entertainments in the Society by Miss Alice M. House, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O.

The Flag Festival, a processional entertainment, has been held by several Circles and Bands, both to their pleasure and profit. Twenty-five cents sent to Miss House, or ten cents to Mrs. W. A. Ingham, 203 Franklin Ave., Cleveland, O., will secure copies, and full instruction concerning these helps; and, through the generosity of these ladies, the money thus sent will go to the general treasury.

Last Words.—The Editor was not able to present copies of this Report to the friends on New Year's day, as she had hoped, owing in part to the fact that important manuscripts did not reach her till after that date. In response to kind urging one lady answered, "I am working as fast as I possibly can. Like you, I am greatly taxed and weary, but we must not kill ourselves with overwork. While we *labor* to perform the painstaking and arduous duties involved in preparing the Report, the ladies of the Society must do their part by *learning to wait.* In this case 'they also *serve* who only stand and wait.'"

At the beginning of the work a lady sent her report with these words: "You publishers and members of the Executive Board, who have access to so much knowledge concerning the work, have no idea how invaluable to us workers is our Annual Report. I do not believe any volume, save our Bibles, is so often consulted during the year. So let this thought be a comfort and inspiration to you in your weary task." The "weary task" is now done, and the Editor sends forth the Report with the hope that it will prove a helper to all whom it may reach.

"Not myself, but the truth that in life I have spoken,
Not myself, but the seed that in life I have sown,
Shall pass on to ages—all about me forgotten,
Save the truth I have spoken, the things I have done."

Mrs. F. S. Hoyt.

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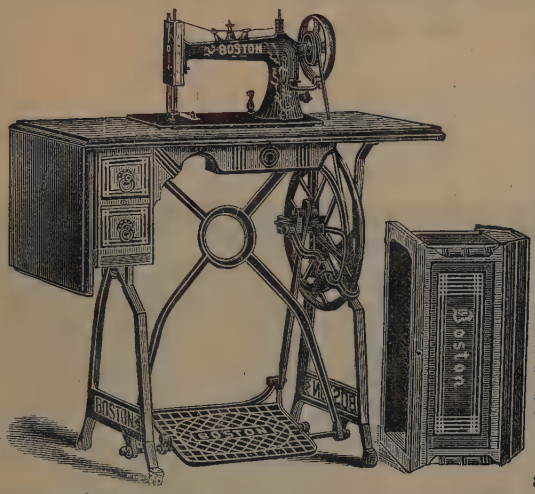

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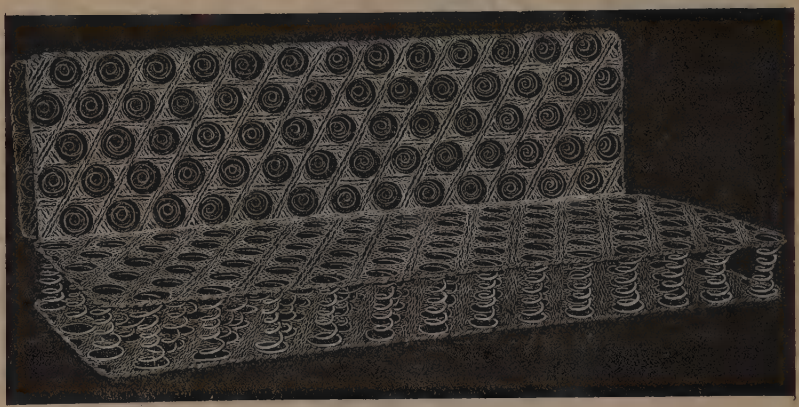

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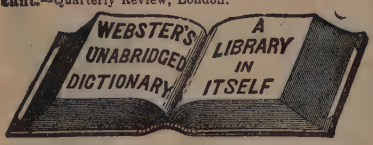

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